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ALWAYS BEHIND THE CLOCK

Gen. Wavell said:—"I think the last time I met most of you, I was off to the newly established 'ABDA' area, of which the Dutch East Indies was the centre. And as I well realised then, it was going to be a race against time, whether we could get in our reinforcements of land and air troops, especially air troops, in time to halt the Japanese advance southwards.

We were always behind the clock and we lost that race against time by some four or five weeks.

The Japanese moved quicker than we had hoped and our reinforcements were rather later than we had expected.

Continuing Gen. Wavell said:—"You naturally will not expect me to give details of the arrangements we have made or are making for the Defence of India by sea, by land and air.

INDIA PREPARES.

I can only tell you that the problem is one of the closest cooperation between the three services and is being treated as such, **and the building up of a strong air force in north-east India which will not content itself with defence, but will attack the enemy will be one of our principal means of safe-guarding India.**

Air forces and aerodromes already exist, while more aerodromes are being built, and more reinforcements are arriving. Regular naval forces for the defence of the coast and the great rivers which penetrate India in the north-east are being supplemented by armed flotillas of vessels requisitioned from civil purposes and being armed to patrol these rivers. Every preparation is being made to meet the threat of a Japanese seaborne expedition.

On land it is obviously impossible to construct beach defences along the immense coastline of India as has been done in England and it is our intention to meet the possibility of invasion by mobility and attack not by attempting to hold defensive lines. The Defence of India will be based on the holding within striking distance of threatened points of mobile reserves, which can move to meet and attack the enemy.

"The defences are being prepared at important centres of communication or river crossings to serve as pivots of manoeuvres for these mobile forces and to give them rapidity and security of movement which will be denied to the enemy.

"That will be the general basis of the plan for the Defence of India. The Government of India have issued instructions that all works on defence projects and aerodromes are to be carried on practically a 24-hour basis, wherever it is practical and possible.

"In the matter of defences against air attack, the position is improving almost daily in respect of aircraft, anti-aircraft guns, an adequate warning system and A.R.P. arrangements.

There are three principal factors in the defence of a coun-

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HONG KONG ATROCITIES

Japanese Loot Colony: Deny Knowledge Of Prisoners' Convention!

CHUNGKING, Mar. 13.

Among the 3,700 European civilians—men, women and children—interned in Hong Kong are 3,000 British, 600 Americans and 70 Dutch, according to Miss Phyllis Harrop of the Hong Kong Government Service, who has arrived here after escaping from Hong Kong at the end of January.

Extreme food shortage will soon become a major problem which the Japanese must attempt to solve other than by making it possible for the Chinese and the Portuguese to leave the colony, she said. No sooner had the Japanese occupied Hong Kong than they gathered up all metal including that used for railings, cars and even status.

The colony was thoroughly looted.

NO GENEVA CONVENTION.

Miss Harrop said that the Japanese disclaimed knowledge of the Geneva Convention covering the treatment of prisoners. These rules were later supplied by the Hong Kong Government Secretariat, who were allowed to approach the Japanese authorities in this connection but as yet they have not been implemented. —Reuter.

PATWARDHAN GETS 18 MONTHS S. I.

(From Our Correspondent).

POONA: March 13.

Mr. Purshottam Hari alias Rao Sahib Patwardhan, a prominent Congress leader from Ahmednagar, was sentenced to-day to 18 months' S. I.

Mr. Ramchandra Bhagwant Girme, member, Bombay Legislative Assembly from Ahmednagar District and a prominent landlord, was arrested to-day at Akluj (Sholapur) on a charge of making an objectionable speech at Kopergaon on Independence Day.

Congressman Arrested Before By-Election

CUTTACK, March 13.

A report from Udaygiri states that Mr. Baikunthanath Mahanti, a Congress leader, has been arrested under the Defence of India Rules in connection with a speech at a meeting held at Tikkaballi in the Balliguda constituency where a by-election is impending.—A. P.

Demand For Inquiry Into Madras Firing

MADRAS: March 13.

The Council of the Madras Corporation passed a resolution deploring the situation arising from the disturbances in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills and requesting Government to appoint an impartial tribunal to enquire into the occurrence.—A.P.

Azad To Address C. P. Congressmen's Meeting

NAGPUR: March 13.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, who passed through Nagpur this evening on his way to Wardha, asked the President of the Nagpur Province Congress Committee to convene a meeting of Congress workers of his province at Wardha on March 16, whom he will address on various matters.—A. P.

TRUTH BEHIND 'PAKISTAN'

Princely Order And Cripps' Mission To India

NEW DELHI, March 13.

Although no Indian Prince has yet arrived in Delhi in connection with the forthcoming session of the Princes Chamber, which meets here on March 16, persons in close touch with the Ministers, who are in Delhi now, welcome the forthcoming visit of Sir Stafford Cripps to India. They claim that the Princes have never stood in the way of India achieving self-government. As a matter of fact they were a party to the Federation plan at the three Round Table Conferences.

They have, however, insisted that in any scheme of constitution, in which they were to be brought in they must be consulted and no constitution would be acceptable to them unless it had their previous approval. Similarly, they had insisted that their rights under treaties, sanads and engagements should be recognised and adequately safeguarded. It is claimed on behalf of the Princes that they would come into the picture only when the scheme of constitution brought Indian States within its operation. If the States were left out and the constitution was to be only for British India, then they were out of the picture.

It is also pointed out on their behalf that in any scheme of negotiations or in the constitution, they alone could represent their States and their subjects.

It is stated here that the demand for Pakistan and the Muslim opposition to the scheme of Federation under the Government of India Act 1935 was based on one point, namely that the entry of Indian States into the Federation would reduce the Mussalmans to an ineffective minority.—A. P.

ECONOMISTS ON CRIPPS' STAFF

LONDON, March 13.

Sir Strafford Cripps, who is carrying with him Cabinet's proposals for solving the political situation in India is expected to arrive in India very shortly to fulfil his most important mission, writes Reuter's political correspondent.

Among the small staff going with him will be Mr. Graham Spry, a young Canadian Economist and Mr. David Owen who is a specialist in political and economic planning. It will not be necessary to take any big officials of the India Office on the journey in view of the wealth of experience to be found in India among leading Government officials.

The way Sir Stafford Cripps travels will be kept secret until he has returned safely to Britain. He is expected to be away for at least 8 weeks but the duration of his stay will depend on the course which his discussions with Indian leaders takes.

POSTHUMOUS V. C. FOR FLYING OFFICER

LONDON, March 13.

The King conferred posthumous Victoria Cross on Flying Officer Kenneth Campbell, pilot of a "Beaufort" aircraft, which attacked a German battle-cruiser at Brest on April 6, 1941.

It was almost impossible, after delivering a low-level attack, to avoid crashing into the rising ground behind on which were protective batteries. Nevertheless, Kenneth Campbell pressed home the attack in the face of whithering fire and severely damaged the battle-cruiser below the waterline.

Campbell's aircraft did not return.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

TWO ALLIED SHIPS LOST.

CANBERRA, March 13.

Mr. Curtin announced that the cruiser "Perth" and the sloop "Yarra" were overdue from Java waters and were presumed lost. No news of survivors. The "Perth" had a complement of 682 and the "Yarra" 151.—Reuter.

SOVIET BREAK-THROUGH

MOSCOW, March 13.

Soviet troops have broken through an important line of German defence and occupied three important inhabited localities, says a broadcast from the South-Western Front relayed by the Moscow radio.—Reuter.

No News From Burma Front

Civil Administration Quits Delta Area

LONDON, March 13.

There is no further news in London regarding the fighting in Burma. Nothing is known as to the results of operations, which are now proceeding in the area north of Pegu and south of Toungoo, it is authoritatively stated today. So far as is known there have been no previous operations in this area. It is possible that the results of the fighting may be known tomorrow.

Chinese are reported to be fighting side by side with British troops in Burma, but it is not known if they are in immediate contact. Although lacking in heavy artillery, Chinese troops have plenty of small arms, the soldiers are strong and hardy and can carry heavy weights for miles so that most of the transport is human transport. The Chinese army differs in organisation from the British army. A division is about equivalent to one British brigade, while a Chinese Army represents something like a British Division. The N.C.O.'s are good and there are various Officer Training Colleges, through which most officers pass. Military training is improving all the time.

AMERICA'S FORTRESS

NEW YORK: MARCH 13.

"THE FATE OF AUSTRALIA HANGS LARGELY ON OUR CAPACITY TO SHIP MUNITIONS IN QUANTITY AND IN TIME," SAYS THE "NEW YORK TIMES" TO-DAY.

IN THE MOST LITERAL SENSE AUSTRALIA IS OUR FORTRESS. SHOULD THE JAPANESE SUCCEED IN OCCUPYING EVEN A PART OF THE COUNTRY, WE SHALL HAVE LOST THE LAST SPRING-BOARD FOR THE COME-BACK IN THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC."—REUTER.

Civil Administration Quits Delta Area

NEW DELHI, March 13.

Communique issued by G.H.Q. at 4-15 p.m. states:—

"The situation on the Prome Road has stabilised around Tharrawady. On the Tongu Road operations are proceeding in Myaung Lebin-Phwegyin area.

No fresh news has come to hand of fighting on the southern front.

With reference to the last communique it is now understood that the Civil Administration in the Delta had been withdrawn on the advice of the military authorities, prior to the landings by the Japanese. Civil control did not cease through any breakdown. The outbreak of lawlessness referred to was consequent on the withdrawal of the civil authorities."—A. P.

STEVENS NOT LIKELY TO RETURN TO INDIA.

CANBERRA: March 13

Sir Bertram Stevens, Australian Representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council at Delhi, will return to Australia soon, it was stated here to-day. He is unlikely to return to India. Australian representation in Delhi will be maintained on a modified scale.—Reuter.

BENNETT READY BUT NO CALL

Australian General On Commons Inquest On Singapore

SYDNEY, Mar. 13.

Maj.-Gen. Gordon Bennett, commenting to-day on Mr. Eden's statement that when a fuller report arrives by airmail it will be possible to have a Commons debate on the Malayan campaign, declared:

"Last week I was asked specific questions by the War Office through the Australian Military Board. I answered these, which were only a few questions relating almost entirely to the happenings of the last two three days at Singapore. This could not in any sense be regarded as a report.

"So far I have not received a request for a fuller report. Consequently I am not at present preparing one. Naturally I have a great deal of information and would be in a position to make a report if asked."—Reuter.

HEAVY FINNISH LOSSES

LONDON, Mar. 13.

Reports of heavy Finnish losses in the war are confirmed by a member of the Finnish Parliament, who said that his country's losses in the present war far exceeded the losses sustained in the war against Russia in 1940. Several districts had lost their entire male population and if the war continued for a long time the country would be unable to recover.—Reuter.

In Middle East

SHIPPING IN BENGHAZI HARBOUR BOMBED

CAIRO, March 13.

A Middle East communique from G. H. Q., states: "During the day there was some exchange of shell fire between advanced elements on both sides. During these exchanges our artillery destroyed a few enemy motor vehicles and caused others to disperse. Our Air Forces again carried out offensive patrols over forward areas."

Today's R.A.F. Middle East communique says "It is announced from Headquarters of the R.A.F. Middle East communique today that shipping in Benghazi Harbour was bombed during the nights of March 10 and 11 There was some fighter activity during March 11th to 12th. A Junker 88 was destroyed and other enemy bombers damaged off the Egyptian coast on March 10.

During enemy raids on Malta on March 10 and 11 a Junker 88 was destroyed and others were damaged. From these and other operations one of our aircraft failed to return but an aircraft reported as missing in the communique of March 11 has now returned to its base.—Reuter.

WHEAT CONTROL

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY ATTACK ON CENTRAL GOVT.'S POLICY

Adjournment Motion Not Pressed On Premier's Assurance That "Strongest Protest Was Lodged"

LAHORE, Mar. 13.

The Central Government's policy in regard to the control and export of wheat was strongly criticised by Khan Bahadur Gurmani, Parliamentary Secretary to the Punjab Government, as having "resulted in starvation conditions in the Province."

Khan Bahadur Gurmani was speaking on an adjournment motion relating to the scarcity of wheat in the Punjab. He protested against the export of wheat to Iran and Iraq when the Punjab, the home of wheat produce, itself had been faced with a serious scarcity of wheat.

The Parliamentary Secretary regretted that most reasonable representations of the Punjab Government in this regard found no favour with the Central Government, who, he pointed out, "are responsible for the present situation."

The Premier, Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, said that only five per cent of the total wheat produce was exported—which was much below the normal surplus. He was strongly of opinion that more wheat stocks than what were visible should be available for local consumption. He added that large stocks of wheat had gone underground owing to the lower price fixed by the Central Government, which, he pointed out, was much below the prevailing price.

He continued that this was not an opportune time for control which should have been done when the crop first came. So far as export for meeting the requirements of troops overseas was concerned, the Punjab was always prepared to do its utmost even by curtailing the civilian requirements, if need be. The Wheat Controller, he said, was told that they could have all surplus wheat after the Punjab's absolute requirements were met.

The Premier said that on a further representation the Central Government had now promised to supply a large quantity of rice. He hoped that the Punjab would carry on for one month more with rice until the next wheat crop was available, and assured the House that strongest protest was lodged with the Central Government about wheat export and the manner of control introduced by them.

On the assurance given by the Premier, the motion was not pressed.—United Press.

U. S. Reinforcements On Way To Australia

AIR ATTACKS ON GASMATA AND SALAMAUA

Japanese Naval Force Reaches Solomon Islands

LONDON, March 13.

A JAPANESE naval force was seen at Buka Island in the Solomons three days ago. It is not known whether any landing has been made, says a Melbourne message.

RAID ON SALAMAUA

The U. S. War Department says that American army bombers raided Japanese held aerodromes at Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea, destroying all buildings, heavily damaging runways and shooting down five enemy planes.

Japanese Busy

The Japanese are hurriedly establishing fighter plane bases on the north-west coast of New Guinea, according to reports reaching Sydney.

An R. A. F. spokesman in Canberra said yesterday evening that the only known Japanese fleet within reasonable striking distance of Port Moresby was at Salamaua.

GASMATA 'DROME ATTACKED

MELBOURNE, March 13.

An R. A. A. F. Communique states: "The R. A. A. F. attacked Gasmata aerodrome yesterday. All bombs fell in the target area and columns of smoke rose. While returning, one of our aircraft was attacked by Japanese ZERO fighters of which one was damaged and others broke off the engagement. Our aircraft returned safely.

Reconnaissances over New Guinea and New Britain were continued under difficult weather conditions. All our aircraft returned."

"DOG FIGHT."

MELBOURNE, March 13.

There has been air activity off New Guinea and New Britain. Fighter pilots of the Royal Australian Air Force proved themselves masters of their Japanese opponents. There was a "dog fight" off Port Moresby this morning. Four enemy aircraft came over from the sea. They were at once engaged and soon discovered that the defenders had courage superior to their own.

Five Jap Planes Shot Down

WASHINGTON:—A War Department 'communique' says:

PHILIPPINE THEATRE:—The situation in Bataan unchanged.

NEW GUINEA:—Five American army heavy bombers of the Fortress type raided Japanese-held aerodromes at Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea on March 11. All buildings were destroyed and heavy damage was inflicted on the runways. At the harbour of Lae direct hit was made on the pier.

Our bombers were attacked by a formation of Japanese fighting planes. Five enemy planes were shot down. None of our bombers was damaged.

There is nothing to report from other areas."

Reinforcement For Australia

SANFRANCISCO: The military authorities on the Pacific coast continue to maintain strict silence about reports that a large convoy is speeding with men and materials to reinforce Australia, but it is generally regarded here that this would be only logical of the Allies predetermined grand strategy.

Activity along this coast has recently reflected the increasing urgency of the Pacific situation, with the fall of Java and the position of Australia. Pacific coast Americans have in the past developed a close social and geographical affinity with Australia and it is hoped here that other American aid will soon join FLYING FORTRESS bombers to help Australia's proportionately slender population to defend their country.

Jap Losses In South Pacific

CANBERRA:—Some of the official and unofficial reports in the past few weeks.—Reuter.

R. A. F. STARTS FIRES IN KIEL

LONDON, Mar. 13.

An Air Ministry Communique on Friday says: "Bombers attacked Kiel and other objectives in north-west Germany last night. Bombs were seen to burst in shipyard at Kiel and many fires were left burning. Mines were laid in enemy waters. Eight of our aircraft are missing."

The Admiralty on Friday described the sinking of the three German submarines which, as announced on January 3 had made an exceptionally determined attack on a convoy in the South Atlantic. One hundred and six of their crews were taken prisoner and the rest numbering 29 drowned. The third U-Boat victim sank the ex-American destroyer 'Stanley' but was then hit herself.

It is reported that a heated dispute broke out between the officers before the submarine commander was forced to order the tanks to be blown up so that the crew could surface. The crew abandoned the ship just as the destroyer 'Stork' rammed and sank her.

The German Submarines, which the Admiralty announced on January 3 had been sunk in an exceptionally determined attack on a convoy, were the U. 131, and the U. 434 and the U. 574, it is officially stated to-day. The number of prisoners taken was 106.—Reuter.

Minimum Prices For Provincial Loans

NEW DELHI: March 13.

A Gazette of India Extraordinary announces that under the Defence of India Rules, the Government of India have fixed minimum prices of certain Provincial Governments' Loans. These securities with their respective minimum prices are as follows:—

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3 per cent	Madras Loan 1952	Rs. 93
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3 per cent	N W F P Loan 1952	Rs. 93
3 per cent	Madras Loan 1953	Rs. 93
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3 per cent	Madras Loan 1959	Rs. 89
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—A. P.

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Japanese losses at sea in the South Pacific have been confusing and overlapping.

It is stated from Melbourne that at least thirteen Japanese transports have been sunk in the New Guinea area. This figure is probably correct, for it is estimated that seven transports were crippled or destroyed at Salamaua on Tuesday and the remaining six crippled or destroyed around the Rabaul area.

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ADMISSION: Admission is open to both men and women graduates of recognized universities. Preference to students who have taken Economics, History, Sociology and Psychology for their degree course.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT IN BY THE 1ST OF APRIL, 1942.

TUITION FEES: The tuition fee for the academic year is Rs. 150/-.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Ten scholarships of the value of Rs. 250 each are available for needy students with academic distinction for the year 1942-43.

HOSTEL FACILITIES:—Hostel accommodation is provided for both men and women students.

Complete information and Application Form may be obtained from the Ag. Director.

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INDIAN STORES DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY INSPECTION CIRCLE.

WANTED

(a) EXAMINERS OF STORES (TEXTILES):—Candidates should have had a good general education and should possess a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of textile technology. They should also have had general training for not less than two years which embraced all the important sections of textile manufacture in a modern cotton or woollen mill and either (a) have had further practical experience for a period of three years in a textile mill or (b) possess a Textile Diploma equivalent to the L.T.M., Bombay. Pay Rs. 150-200 according to qualifications.

(b) SUPERVISORS OF TEXTILES:—Candidates should have had a good general education and should possess a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of textile technology, must have had a practical training for not less than 6 months which embraced important sections of Textile manufacture in a modern cotton or woollen mill and possess a Textile Diploma equivalent to the L.T.M., Bombay. Practical knowledge of spinning and weaving is essential. Pay Rs. 90-120 according to qualifications.

(c) ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS OF TEXTILES:—Candidates should hold a School Leaving Certificate of an Indian University (this condition may be relaxed in special cases) and should have six months practical experience of working in a textile mill. Technical Education will be considered as an additional qualification. Pay Rs. 65.

Certain number of posts are reserved for Muslims and other minority communities.

Application forms may be obtained on payment of Re. 1 in cash or by money-order giving name and address of the applicant in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS on the coupon. Crossed postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Application should be submitted immediately.

CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION,
Indian Stores Department,
Bombay.

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NOTICE

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (1) Services Division and (2) Provincial Division, New Delhi, invite tenders in sealed covers for (1) Painting, Re-painting, Treatment of Road Surfaces in New Delhi and (2) Reconditioning, Re-painting, Seal coating, etc. of Roads in Delhi Province for the year 1942-43 at estimated costs of (1) Rs. 98,400/- and (2) Rs. 1,83,000/- upto 12 noon of the 24th March 1942 from approved contractors of the Central P.W.D., New Delhi. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 P.M.

Tender forms and conditions are obtainable from their Offices on payment of Rs. 10/- per copy which will not be refunded.

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Public Notices

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

TENDERS for the supply of 500 tons of First Class Bengal Steam Coal and alternatively Central India Coal will be received upto 1 p.m. (Bombay Time) on Friday, the 27th day of March, 1942.

Tenders should be sent in sealed envelopes superscribed "Tender for the supply of Coal", addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, with a deposit of Rs. 1,200.

Forms of tender, specification etc., will be issued to any one deputed to receive them by the Mechanical Engineer on payment of a fee of Rupees 2/- each from which will, on no account, be refunded.

The Mechanical Engineer will on application at his office at the Municipal Workshops, Foras Road, Bombay, give any further information that may be required.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 13-3-1942.

(7688)

TO LET OR FOR SALE

A PALATIAL BUNGALOW, situated at Andheri, Ghodbunder Road, very centrally situated with servants quarters, Motor Garages, Chawls, etc., with an area of about 7000 Sq. Yds. of land is for sale or for letting.

For particulars, apply to:—
Messrs. KORA & BHATT,
Architects, etc.,
22, Apollo Street, Fort, BOMBAY.

(7615)

Public Notices

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Wanted (1) *10 Typists in the Lower Division.—Qualifications.*—Matriculation or an equivalent examination recognised by Government and ability to type with accuracy and neatness at a speed of *not less than* forty words per minute. *Age.*—Not less than 18 years and not more than 25 years (28 years in the case of Backward and Intermediate Classes including Muslims) on 31st December, 1942. *Pay.*—Rs. 50-3-95 (Lower Grade)—100-5-160 (Higher Grade, on promotion) per mensem subject to revision.

(ii) *Three Reporters in English for the office of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and Council. Qualifications.*—Same as for (i) above *and* a speed of about 160 words per minute in shorthand and of about 50 words per minute in typewriting. *Pay.*—Rs. 200-10-400 per mensem. *Age.*—Not more than thirty years on 31st December, 1942.

Full details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Commission, P. W. D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for receipt of applications in the printed prescribed form accompanied by a fee of Rs. 5 for the posts of typists and Rs. 10 for the posts of Reporters, which will not be refunded, *11th April, 1942.* The form will be supplied on receipt of an addressed (large) envelope bearing postage stamps of 2 1/2 annas and *eight* annas only in cash or by an uncrossed Indian Postal Order in favour of the Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission.

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NOTICE.

THE BOMBAY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy No. 74253 on the life of Madhukar Dattatraya Sirur a duplicate policy is issued unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date.

JYOTENDRA L. MEHTA.
Managing Director.

Bombay, 14th March, 1942.

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UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

No. M.3018 of 1942.

CIRCULAR:

The following seating arrangements of candidates appearing at the Dadar Centre for the Matriculation Examination, Commencing on the 16th March, 1942, are hereby announced for the information of the said candidates:—

PLACES OF EXAMINATION.

KHALSA COLLEGE		
Seat Nos. 3857-4410		Candidates offering SANSKRIT as one of the two languages.
RAMNARAIN RUIA COLLEGE		
Seat Nos. 4411-5142		Candidates offering SANSKRIT as one of the two languages.
PODAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE		
Seat Nos. 5143-5548		Candidates offering SANSKRIT as one of the two languages.
KING GEORGE ENGLISH SCHOOL		
Seat Nos.	5549-5647 6206-6429 6438-6641 6665-6680 6683-6684	Candidates offering SANSKRIT, PERSIAN, LATIN, PALI, ARDHA MAGADHI & PORTUGUESE as one of the two languages.
C. L. BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL		
Seat Nos.	5648-6205 6430-6437 6642-6664 6681-6682	Candidates offering FRENCH, HEBREW & ARABIC, as one of the two languages.

A complete list of the candidates appearing at the Dadar Centre is kept at the Ramnarain Ruia College. At the remaining four places of the examination a list of candidates appearing at the place for the examination is exhibited.

Bombay 13th March, 1942.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
Registrar.

(7680)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 825 of 1935.

VITHALRAO SHIVLINGOO ALKONDE ..... Plaintiff.
Vs.
VENKAT LIMBAJI KODAL and another ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree, Absolute for Sale, dated 23rd July, 1936 and Judge's Order, dated 9th August, 1940, the following immovable properties situate at Thal in the Alibag Taluka will be sold by Public Auction in 2 lots by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on FRIDAY, 27th March, 1942, at 3 P.M. (S.T.).

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES.

LOT NO: I:—ALL that piece of garden land at Thal in Taluka Alibag, bearing Survey and Hissa numbers and admeasuring and assessed as follows:—

Name	Survey No.	Hissa No.	Area Acres-Gunthas	Assessment Rs. as. ps.
Taki	236	1	2 15 1/2	31 0 0
Baug	—	2	3 17 1/2	38 0 0

with two bungalows thereon and the other bungalow used as a barn and as a dwelling house and the shed forming the servants' quarters and store room.

LOT NO. 2 (a)—ALL that piece of garden land, situate at Thal, in Taluka Alibag, District Kolaba, Survey No. 245, Hissa No. 1/1, admeasuring 1 acre and 26 1/4 gunthas and assessed at Rs. 16-4-0.

LOT NO. 2 (b)—ALL that piece of land known as Bhatji Baug at Thal, in Taluka Alibag, Kolaba District, bearing Survey and Hissa numbers and admeasuring and assessed as follows:—

Survey Nos.	Hissa Nos.	Area Acres-Gunthas	Assessment Rs. as. ps.
208	1	0 34 3/4	7 0 0
209	1	4 35	68 0 0
226	1	4 19 1/4	43 0 0

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. SOLOMON & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at Spinner Building, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1942.

ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.

(7638)

Public Notices

WANTED

CLERKS and TYPISTS on Rs. 50/- per mensem for duty at (1) Ahmedabad, (2) Indore, (3) Sholapur and (4) Bombay. Age limit 25 years. Certain number of posts are reserved for Muslims and other minority communities:—

CLERKS should be Graduates or Matriculates with previous office experience.

TYPISTS—Matriculates with speed not less than 40 words per minute. Knowledge of Shorthand will be considered as an additional qualification.

Applications in own handwriting stating age, nationality, Province of origin, educational qualifications should be sent immediately to any of the four officers noted below in whose area the candidate will prefer to serve. No postage stamps for replies need accompany:—

(1) The Inspecting Officer (Textiles), Indian Stores Department, "Moti Villa", Behind Old Post Office, Mirzapur, AHMEDABAD.
(2) The Assistant Inspecting officer (Textiles), Indian Stores Department, 9, Yeshwant Nivas Road, INDORE.
(3) The Assistant Inspecting Officer (Textiles), Indian Stores Department, 162/10, Railway Lines, SHOLAPUR.
(4) The Controller of Inspection, Indian Stores Department, Ahmedabad House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, BOMBAY

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THE BOMBAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY & TRAMWAYS CO. LTD.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND ON ORDINARY SHARES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 25th March to 8th April, 1942, both days inclusive, for the preparation of dividend warrants for the final dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1941, payable to Ordinary shareholders of this Company whose names stand on its Register on the 24th March 1942.

Intimation as to change of address should be notified to the Company by shareholders themselves or their constituted attorneys immediately.

By Order of the Board
R. D. KANGA,
Secretary

Bombay, 14th March, 1942.

(7669)

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition received under Section 36(d) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special Meeting of the Corporation to request Government to appoint a non-official Committee for controlling the A.R.P. and Civil Defence Measures in the City, etc, a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on MONDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1942, at 3 P.M. (BOMBAY TIME).

By Order of His Worship
the Mayor,
S. N. DAMLE,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 13th March, 1942.

(7675)

NOTICE.

WANTED a SENIOR DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER for the Ahmedabad Municipality in the grade of Rs. 250-25-450 plus 100/- motor allowance. Candidates possessing the diploma in Public Health need apply. The selected candidate will be appointed on probation for one year in the first instance. Deserving candidate will be given intermediate pay in the above graded scale.

Applications, stating age, caste, qualifications and previous experience with copies of testimonials, if any, should reach the undersigned on or before 15th April, 1942.

(Sd.) S. P SHAH,
Ag. Chief Officer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.

Municipal Office, Ahmedabad,
Dated 9-3-42.

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NOTICE.

JOHN TAYLOR & SONS (INDIA) LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of S. 209H of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913 that a General Meeting of the members of the abovenamed Company will be held in Bombay, in the office of Messrs. Samant and Co., Solicitors, situate at Ismail Building 381, Hornby Road on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1942, at 3 o'clock (S. T.), for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books, accounts, and documents of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1942.

V. B. SAMANT,
Liquidator.

(7682)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. KHIMJI UMERSEY and DAMJI UMERSEY, of Bombay Hindu inhabitants have contracted to sell to my client the undermentioned property.

ALL persons having any claim against the said property by way of mortgage, gift, sale, lease, trust, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, incumbrance or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office at Mahendra Mansion, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

FIRST:—ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of Mahim pension and tax tenure together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon, situate lying and being at Lady Jamshedji Road, outside the Fort and in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2711 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of land revenue under Old No. 624, New No. 4550, Old Survey No. 120, New Survey No. 1527 and C. S. No. 745 of Mahim Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 4787, 4788, 4789, 4790 and 4791, Street Nos. 116, 117, 118, 119, 120 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by the part belonging to the Portuguese Church, on or towards the South by the part of Balkrishna Bapu Sawa, on or towards the West partly by the property of Vinayak Moroba Shetti and partly by the property of Bhalshet Godsmith and on or towards the East by Lady Jamshedji Road and which premises are now in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendors.

SECOND:—ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground situate at Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim in the city and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 574 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of land revenue under new survey No. 1526 (part) C S. No. 745 (part) of Mahim Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 4792 (1) and Street No. 121 and which said piece or parcel of land is bounded on or towards the North by the property belonging to Ghella Kurpar and others on the East by Lady Jamshedji Road, on the South by 40 feet cross road and on the West by the property belonging to Amratlal M. Gandhi.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1942.

RAMCHANDRA T. KARNIK,
Purchaser's Attorney.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

No. 268—10-3-42.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of DIWALIBAI, widow of Vanmalidas Jivandas Goragandhi Hindu Inhabitant, late of Bombay, residing prior to her death at C. P. Tank Road, outside the Fort, Bombay. ..... Deceased.

(1.) BACHUBHAI THAKORDAS MERCHANT, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, an attorney of this Hon'ble Court, residing at Lamington Chambers, Lamington Road, outside the Fort, Bombay and (2.) ATMARAM SEVAKLAL, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at 76-80 C.P. Tank Road, outside the Fort, Bombay, Executors of the last Will of the deceased Diwalibai, widow of Vanmalidas Jivandas Goragandhi ... Petitioners.

ALL persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and in the Sixth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.)
J. G. MAHADEVIA,
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

The 6th day of March, 1942.

Messrs THAKORDAS AND MADGAVKAR,
Petitioners' Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1217 of 1938.

MEGHJI MATHURADAS & others .. Plaintiffs.
vs.
NAMDEV TULSIRAM DHEPE .... Defendant.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 19th March, 1941 and Judge's Order, dated 5th December, 1941, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court on the premises at Kurduwadi on SATURDAY, 28th March, 1942, at 4 p.m. (S.T.).

PARTICULARS.

ALL THAT piece of land with the house thereon at Kurduwadi Taluka, Sub-District Medhe, District Sholapur bearing City Survey No. 31/2, 25 feet in length from East to West, 20 feet from North to South in breadth assessment Rs. 2-4-0.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. DIVECHA & THAKORE Attorneys for the plaintiffs above named at Nos. 24-26, Dalal Street Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA, Commissioner. (7643)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

Petition No. 99 of 1942.

GEORGE VI by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireand and the British Dominions beyond the the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of KANTILAL PURSHOTTAMDAS SHAH alias KANTILAL PURSHOTTAMDAS SHAH alias K. P. SHAH, Late of Santa Cruz Hindu inhabitant, merchant, residing at the time of his death at Cambay, outside Bombay. ..... Deseased.

(1.) Bai LILAVATI, widow of the said Kantilal Purshottamdas; (2.) RAJANIKANT KANTILAL, both of Santa Cruz Hindu inhabittants, formerly residing at Santa Cruz, in the Bombay Suburban District, but at present residing at Navo Bhat Wado, Cambay outside Bombay . Petitioners

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this Eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and in the sixth year of our Reign.

(Sd.) G. G. MAHADEVIA, For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

K. K. DASTUR.

The 11th day of March, 1942.

M|S. NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO., Petitioners' Attorneys. (7675)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 436 of 1939.

DHARMISHTA SHIVKANT ..... Plaintiff.
(Versus)
MITRASEN NANABHOY & Another ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree, dated 6th July, 1939 and Consent Judge's Order, dated 14th November, 1941, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at the Premises on TUESDAY, 24th March, 1942, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.)

ALL THOSE two pieces of land now formed into one of the quit and ground tenure together with dwelling house therein situate on the West side of Khetwadi 4th Lane, Bombay, admeasuring 196 square yards or thereabouts but according to the Cadastral Survey Abstract 206 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Collector of Land Revenue Old Nos. 1985, New Nos. 9113, 9114 (and not 1995 as incorrectly mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage) Old Survey No. 720 and New Survey No. 5424 and Cadastral Survey No. 773, Girgaum Division and Municipal D Ward No. 1924 and Old Street No. 20, New Street No. 6.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. WADIA GHANDY & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 123, Mahatma Gandhi Road (formerly known as Esplanade Road) Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 6th day of January, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA, Commissioner. (7676)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 661 OF 1940.

KAUSHIK VIRMANISHANKER PANDIT ..... Plaintiff.
Vs
JETHALAL DEVSHANKER DAVE ..... Defendant

PURSUANT to Decree, Absolute for Sale, dated 18th December, 1940 and Judge's Order, dated 15th December, 1941, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction subject to the charge of the Government for the balance of the amount due to them by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on FRIDAY, 27th March, 1942, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.).

PARTICULARS.

All that piece or land at Kha in the Bombay Suburban District being plots Nos. 73 and 74 in the Suburban Scheme No. VII Khar, admeasuring about 946 square yards or thereabouts with the dwelling houses thereon.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. MANILAL KHER AMBALAL & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA, Commissioner. (7676)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that (1) DWARKADAS GORDHANDAS, (2) GOKULDAS VASANJI, (3) RAMDAS VITHALDAS, (4) MANJI VITHALDAS EABJI and (5) DWARKADAS VELJI, the Trustees of the Zaverbai Purshottam Nathu Trust Estate have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim interest or demand whatsoever against in or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, share, possession, lease, incumbrances, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, coparcenary rights or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, will be treated and considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of Government or Khoti land or ground situate at Ghatkopar being Final Plot No. 70 of the Town Planning Scheme No. 2 of Ghatkopar, admeasuring 1723 Square Yards or thereabouts in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by Public Road known as Eighth Road, on or towards the West by Plot No. 69, on or towards the North by Public Road known as Third Road and on or towards the South by Plot No. 71.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1942.

MOHILE PAREKH & MANECKLAL, Purchaser's Attorneys. (7634)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VASUDEO LAXMAN BHIDE of Bombay Hindu inhabitant has contracted to sell to my client the undermentioned property:

ALL persons having any claim interest or demand whatsoever against in or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, share, possession, lease, incumbrances, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, coparcenary rights or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at his Office at 510 Kalbadevi Road, Bombay No. 2, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, will be treated and considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground, admeasuring 537 Sq. Yards or thereabouts situate on or being plot No. 15 of the Sion Matunga West Estate of the Municipal Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay bounded on the NORTH by the Thirty feet wide proposed road, on or towards the SOUTH by the Plot No. 16 (West) of the said Estate agreed to be leased to M. G. Mulekar, on or towards the EAST by the Fifty feet wide proposed road and on or towards the WEST by the Plot No. 14 (West) of the said Estate agreed to be leased to K. M. Bhagat and J. M. Bhagat which piece of land bears Cadastral Survey No. 6/29) of Sion Division and Municipal "F" Ward No. 8667 and Street No. 2234 together with the building thereon known as Vimal Sadan consisting of a ground floor and upper floors.

Dated this 14th day of March 1942.

B. G. PADHYE, Purchaser's Advocate. (7635)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KESARSINGH JAVANDSINGH, of Bombay Sikh Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 24-26, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Mor Baug Road in the Town, Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 513 square yards or thereabouts being Plot No. 54 of the Nagaum Estate, Scheme No. 60, of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 2077 and Cadastral Survey No. 29/62 of Dadar-Naigaum Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 758 (2) and Street No. 108-A and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North-East by 40' Morbaug Road, on or towards the South-East by Plot No. 55 of the said Estate, on or towards the South-West by Plot No. 53 of the said Estate and on or towards the North-West by Plot No. 49 of the said estate.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1942.

DEVECHA & THAKORE, Purchaser's Attorneys. 7689.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

O. P. No. 164 of 1938.

Application No. 605 of 1942
In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913 and in the matter of the Guardian Bank Ltd. (Theyagarayanagar) (In Liquidation).
V. SIVAPRASAD, Official Liquidator. ..... Applicant.

NOTICE.

By direction of the Honourable Mr. Justice Bell, Notice is hereby given that the said Judge has appointed THURSDAY, the 19th day of March, 1942, at 10-30 O'clock in the fore-noon, at Madras to hear an application for leave to make a call on all the contributories of the said company and that the said call shall be for Rupees Fifteen per share. All persons interested are entitled to attend at such day, hour and place to offer objections to such call.

Dated this the 7th day of March, 1942.

V. SIVAPRASAD, Official Liquidator.

College Buildings, Esplanade, Madras. (7642)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that B. K. DESAI, Esqr., the Court Receiver as Receiver in Suit No. 2061 of 1940 (Chimanlal Hiralal and Ors, -Vs- Dayabhai Nagindas and Ors) has contracted with our client for the absolute sale to him free from all claims and incumbrances of the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever, is or are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same (if any) shall be considered as waived and abandoned.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground of which Hormasji Bomanji Sethna is the Fazandar, together with the messuages, tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon situate, lying and being on the East side of Dhanji Doongaria Street, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 376 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Collector's New Survey No. 1384 and New No. 251 and Cadastral Survey No. 1348 of Bhuleshwar Division and bounded on the East by Sweeper's passage, belonging to the said premises and beyond that by the property of Muncherji Bhimji, on the West by Dhanji Doongaria Street, on the North by the property of Dadabhoy and Cowasji Pallonji Chowna and on the South by the property of Cowasji Ratanji Poonegar or Mehta and the buildings whereon are assessed by the Bombay Municipality under "C" Ward No. 681, 682(1 and 2) and Street Nos. 77, 79, 81 and 83.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1942.

BHAISHANKER, KANGA & GIRDHARLAL, Purchaser's Attorneys. 7673.

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dr. CAWASJI MANECKJI MEHTA, of Nargol Parsi Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients Bai DHANMAI HORMASJI KATRAK and HORMASJI BEJONJI KATRAK Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us at our office No. 17-19, Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground together with the messuages dwelling house or bungalow and outhouses and well standing thereon situate at Mouze Nargol, Peta Umbergaon, Pot Tukdi Dhanu, Zilla Thana in the registration sub-district of Thana bearing the following numbers and particulars:—

City Survey No.	Area	Assessment
81	304 Sq. Yds.	Rs. 1 2 0
82	2,883 Sq. Yds.	Rs. 11 8 0

and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the east by public road and beyond that by the property of the Local Board, on or towards the west by the sea (Custom land), on or towards the North by public passage and beyond by the property of Hormusji Maneckji Bharucha and on or towards the South by public passage and beyond by the property of Ardeshir Motiwalla which said premises are assessed by the village Panchayat under house No. 2.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1942.

FRAMJI J. JESIA & CO., Purchasers' Attorneys. 7681

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AT UNCLAIMED GOODS OFFICE, WADI BUNDER G. I. P. RLY

Under instructions from G. I. P. Rly., and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act IX of 1890, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1942 at 1-30 p.m. (S. T.), at the above place unclaimed goods including.

Bags of Jawari, Bajree, Wheat, Rice, Toor, Dail, Chillies, Cotton seeds, Castor seeds, Mohar seeds, Hirda, Linseed, Poha, G. N. seed Turmeric, Sugar, Urid, Moog, B. Nuts, Earth, Bundles of Gunny Brooms, C. Ropes, E. Tins, Papers, Books, Brassware, B. Mattings, Carpet, Leathers, Bolts, Nuts, I. Bars, Pipes, Washers, M. R. Tyres, E. I. Barrels, E. P. Cans, Plough parts, Bales of F. P. Cotton, Cases of Tea, Hardware, Shoes, Chapals, Soap, Slate, Haberdashery, Cycle parts, Elect. goods, Hosiery, Acid Caps, Aggarbati, Dry Battery, Baskets of glass ware, Bangle, Tins of oil Ghee, Rose water, Kegs of paint, Phenohyle, lot of tarpaulin rags and condemned ropes, Barrels of oil, One Wagonload timber ex-Ernaculam to W. B. Inv. No. 415 of 25-12-41, One Wagonload timber ex-Ernaculam to W. B. Inv. No. 394 of 16-12-41, etc., etc.

Terms:—Full amount or 50 per cent. deposit and balance to be paid and delivery to be taken on or before 9th April, 1942.

Important Notice—No old or new iron or steel material can be disposed of withouut the buyer furnishing a license or a written order from the Iron and Steel Controller.

BENNETT & CO.

CRAWFORD & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY SITUATE AT SANTA CRUZ.

Under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and assignee of the estate and effects of the insolvent Gulamali Mahmadali Lookmanji Kagalwala and with the consent of Parmanand Maganlal, Priyakant Maganlal and Ramanlal Maganlal the heirs of the mortgagee Maganlal Narsidas, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1942, at 3-0 p.m. (S.T.) at their rooms at 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay the right, title and interest of the insolvent abovenamed and of the said heirs of the mortgagee Maganlal Narsidas in the undermentioned properties:—

LOT 1:—All that piece of non-agricultural land together with messuages, tenements and dwelling houses thereon situate at Santa Cruz bearing plot No. 9 of Town Planning Scheme No. 3, and admeasuring 451 sq. yds. and bounded on the North by plot No. 8, on the West by plot Nos. 6 and 7, on the South by plot No. 12 and on the East by plot Nos. 10 and 11.

LOT 2:—All that piece of non-agricultural land situate at Santa Cruz bearing plot No. 11 of Town Planning Scheme No. 3 and admeasuring 112 sq. yds. and bounded on the North by plot No. 8, on the West by plot No. 9, on the South by plot No. 10 and on the East by the Eighth Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the Vendor's Attorneys Messrs. Manilal Kher Ambalal & Co. or to CRAWFORD & CO.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 13

The Bombay cotton market was again easy to-day and the Government of India's announcement with regard to purchase of unginned cotton in rural areas was considered disappointing. The market was devoid of any buying interest and prices kept easy.

In view of the unchanged New York advices, the market was expected to open at Rs. 174 for Broach A/M but the rate opened lower at Rs. 170, and later on moved to Rs. 171. Broach July/August eased off to Rs 188/8 after early steadiness at Rs. 190. The undertone of the market kept weak and prices closed as follows:—

BROACH April/May	Rs.	170	4 0
BROACH July/ August		187	4 0
OOMRA March		130	8 0
OOMRA May		139	8 0
OOMRA July		149	0 0
BENGAL March		122	0 0
BENGAL May		129	0 0
BENGAL July		136	0 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year.	Since 1st Septr. Last year
Khandesh	668	72,168	90,759
Central India	179	26,767	111,045
Barsi and Nagar		44,285	86,891
Hyderabad/Gaorani		9,586	29,903
Berar	363	159,064	298,267
Central Provinces	1,553	72,353	60,306
Total Oomras	2,763	384,223	6,77,171
Dholeras		27,935	53,100
N.-W. Provinces		1,021	1,202
Rajputana		378	4,915
Sind-Punjab	11,614	353,560	388,339
Broach	5,485	218,717	35,903
Coompta and Dharwar		7,087	33,732
Westerns-Northerns	140	7,380	34,118
Cocanada			239
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		9,073	522
Total	20,002	1,009,427	1,229,237
Arrived by road to 5th March 1942		85,500	188,133

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1,188 cent points at 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1,133 cent points at 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

Bombay, March 12

Broach April/May highest 185 lowest 172 1/2 closing 174 1/2

Broach July/August highest 198 1/2 lowest 190 closing 191 1/2

Oomra March highest 142 lowest 132 closing 132

Oomra May highest 153 lowest 143 closing 143

Oomra July highest 160 1/2 lowest 151 closing 151

Bengal March highest 129 lowest 124 closing 124

Bengal May highest 135 lowest 130 closing 130 1/2

Bengal July highest 141 lowest 136 closing 136 1/2

In the spot market at Sewri there was small demand

Auction Sales

VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE (TOMORROW) SUNDAY at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) Property of a European gentleman C. Fry, Esqr., and others at Babulal mansion Chowpatty sea face, of complete Household and office furniture dining table, chairs, side board, silver show cases, cabinets, book cases, Chesterfield sets, cheval dressing tables, centre tables and teapoys, almyrahs, bed with box mattress, steel mirror door large cupboard, fire proof safes, Singer machine, Remington standard and portable typewriters, electric fans and lamps, harmonium, wrist watches, &c. Tel No 40213 Vora & Co.

SALES OF GOVERNMENT OWNED COTTON

U. S. House Of Representatives Bans Sales Below Parity

Bombay, March 13

It seems that the controversy as regards the sales of surplus agricultural products held by the American Government has come to an end now. The House of Representatives has approved prohibiting sales of Government-owned agricultural products beolw parity.

On Thursday, the New York cotton market responded partially to House action for bidding sales of Government-held agricultural surplus at less than parity despite administration opposition, but hedging against Commodity Credit Corporation purchases and New Orleans selling owing to disappointing action of the market checked the upturn. The session closed steady.

In view of the House action, the market opened very steady at a rise of 6 points at 18.75. This proved to be the highest level for the day. Demand fell off and owing to the disappointing action of the market offerings brought down the rate to 18.66—03. This was the lowest level for the day. The market slightly recovered and closed unchanged at 18.69 for July position. Other positions closed 1 point down to 3 points up. The New York Spot closed 2 points higher at 20.22.

The New Orleans market was quiet and closed unchanged to 1 point up.

CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago grains advanced sharply on overnight House approval of legislation restricting CCC sales below parity. Wheat, mill buying and increased flour enquiry. The session closed firm.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (10 a.m.)	18.75+06
New York July lowest (2.51 p.m.)	18.66—03

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market steady on House approval prohibiting sales of Government owned cotton below parity.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 12

March	18.47
May	18.69
July	18.69
Middling Spot	20.22

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, March 12

March	18.48
May	18.52
July	18.76
Middling Spot	19.23

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

New York, March 12

March, May and July not received.

LONDON SEEDS

London, March 12

Rozario Santa Fe Mar/Apl quoted	22/1 1/2
Barletta Russo Mar/Apl quoted	22/3
Australian Wheat Mar/Apl quoted	27/6

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 12

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent not received.	
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£101
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/16
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 11/16
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£116 1/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 1/4
Chartered Bank of I.A. and China	not recd.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London rcg)	not recd.
National Bank of India	not recd.

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MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 13

LONDON :—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months.
B. C. RATES :—
T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32, D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs 330 1/2
MONTREAL :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs. 299 3/4
BERNE :—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil
STOCKHOLM :—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 129
MEXICO :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.64; D D Rs 62.64
LISBON :—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA :—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Quiet
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money :—Call 1/4 per cent.
1 to 2 months 1/2 per cent
3 to 5 months 3/4 per cent
6 months 1 per cent
Tone :—Easy

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay March 13

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 87/3
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 94
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 95
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 101/12
3 per cent War Bonds 97/6
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 97/6
4 1/2 per cent 1985 Loan 107/8

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 104/9
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1947 97/8
4 per cent M Deb 1947 99/8
5 per cent M Deb 1955 107
5 per cent M Deb 1954 117
6 per cent K P T 1956 115
Trend :—All rates are nominal
Tone :—Steady.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURN

LONDON : March 12.

	This week. £
Total bullions	594,000
Public deposits	21,000,000
(a) Other deposits	169,700,000
Government securities	154,000,000
(b) Other securities	23,500 000
Notes, gold and silver coin	27,000,000
Notes in circulation	753,600.000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities 14.16 per cent	
(a) Other deposits include bankers	117.600.000
(b) Other securities include discounts and advances	4,200.000
Total deposits	190,700,000
Total securities	177.500.000

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 12

T T London on :—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5 voluntary rate 46.55
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 13

Prices in the cash list on the Bombay Stock Exchange held steady to-day, while business in most of the forward shares was difficult to put through. A.C.C. kept in the vicinity of Rs. 150. In cash some transactions were reported. Scindhia Rs. 17/4 E. D. Sassoon Rs. 1/11. Tata Steel 2nd Pref Rs. 97/8, B. B. Petrols Re. 1; Bharat Mill Rs. 55, Central Bank Rs. 37/8, New India Assurance Rs. 40.

Wall Street opened easy and turned slightly firmer but some selling in order to obtain funds for tax payments was reported. After initial decline to new low levels, a specialised revival was led by steels and recently weak speculative issues with fractional gains predominating laterly while belief that the recent decline which touched the lowest point since 1938 may have gone too far attracted short covering and speculative buying. The market closed irregular U. S. Steels closed unchanged at 49 1/2 dollars.

Tata Powers were steadier at Rs. 1280, while Hydros were quoted at Rs. 147. There is a general expectation of a dividend of Rs. 22 for Century Mill shares, and hence some inquiry is visible.

TEXTILES

Bombay, March 13

100	Ahmedabad Advance	305	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1100	0
100	CENTURY	350	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	330	0
100	Colaba	170	0
100	Coorla	120	0
250	Dawn	532	8
250	David	300	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd	1 11	0
100	FINLAY	190	0
100	GOKAK	222	0
1000	Hindustan	2525	0
100	Indore	202	8
100	Khatau	222	8
100	KOHINOOR X.D.	418	0
250	LAXMI	627	0
100	Madhusudan	350	0
100	MORARJI	425	0
250	Model	202	8
50	MYSORE	125	0
200	NEW GREAT	275	0
100	Podar	186	4
100	Phoenix	482	0
25	Sassoon Silk	80	8
1000	D Sholapur	5000	0
50	SIMPLEX	180	0
100	SWADESHI	455	0
100	SWAN	200	0
600	Vishnu	1442	8
1000	Western	1500	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda X.D.	97	0
25-50	Central India	36	8
500	Imperial	1380	0
125-500	Imp. Cont.	322	0
50-100	India X.D.	116	0
100	Reserve Bank	89	8
5	Union X.D.	5	6

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED X.D.	150	0

INSURANCE

15-75	New India	39	8
100	Empire	700	0
15-100	Jupiter	10	2
20	Mercantile	54	0
15-75	New India	39	8
200	Oriental	3300	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	8

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmedabad Old X-D	165	0
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1440	0
10	Ajmer	12	9
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	170	0
10	Broach	13	6
100	Karachi	208	12
100	Poona	217	0
100	Surat	178	12
100	TATA HYDRO	142	0
1000	TATA POWER	1280	0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	845	0
100	C. Province	104	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	103	0
100	Mandra Bhon	102	0
100	Pachora Jamner	93	8
100	Sara Sirajganj	98	0
500	Tapti Valley	642	8

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation	1	10
2sh.	Indian Copper	1	8
10	Indian Iron and Steel	21	8
30	SHIVRAJPUR	21	8
10	Mukund Iron	13	0
40	TATA STEEL DEFD	1525	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	985	0
10	Steel Corporation	13	2

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	420	0
10	Air Services	3	0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	220	0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	291	0
100	B. BURMA	225	0
50	Contributory	72	8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	1	0
100	IND. BLEACHING	175	0
80	Ind. Invest. Trust	43	8
100	Indian Radio Def	360	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	410	0
100	Port Canning	68	4
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	105	8
15	Scindia	17	4
24	Tata Oil	41	0
24	Tata Chemical	15	2
100	Wimco	190	0

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1510	0
6	p.c. Bom. Steam	315	0
7	p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	74	0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	650	0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	115	8
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd	114	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	155	12
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1525	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	168	12
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	97	0
7	p.c. Vishnu	115	0

DEBENTURES

4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb.	104	0
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone	48	0
5	p.c. Morarji	103	8
5	p.c. Sholapur	73	4
4	p.c Tata Power Deb.	105	8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 13

The market continued in an uninspiring mood with lack of business initiative. Tata Deferreds were done lower at 1040 while Tata Ordinaries were steady around 203. Bombay Dyeings were dealt in around 1045. Indian Irons were unchanged at 21-8. Tata Ordinary 203; Tata Deferred 1040; Indian Iron 21/8; Steel Corpn of Bengal 12/12; Bombay Dyeing 1040; Central India 316/14; Century 345; Gokak 219/6; Kohinoor 416/4; Simplex 146; Andhra Valley 1440; Tata Hydro 148/2; Tata Power 1265; Associated Cement 150; Belapur 215; Bombay Burma (old) 190

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, March 13

The bullion market reacted to-day on fears of Government control. Silver Chaitra opened at Rs. 84/8, but from the opening sellers dominated and the rate declined sharply to Rs. 81 but slightly recovered to Rs. 82. Gold Chaitra eased off to Rs. 52/8. Sovereign also came down to Rs. 40 from Rs. 41/8. The market was quiet and prices fluctuated narrowly. The closing prices were as follows :—

Silver Ready	Rs.	90	0 0
Silver Chaitra		83	4 0
Gold Ready		55	8 0
Gold Chaitra		53	8 0
Sovereigns		40	6 0

LONDON SILVER

London, March 12

Spot	23	1/2
Forward	23	1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, March 12

Gold Bars Fine per ounce £8-8-0

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, March 13

The Bombay Produce and Seeds market was quiet and prices moved narrowly with a quiet undertone. The closing prices were as follows :—

Wheat May	Rs.	7	8 9
Linseed May		9	0 3
Groundnuts		41	7 9
Castorseeds		41	0 0
Cottonseeds		25	4 0

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 13

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 127 28 123 35 122 42 121 49-56 119
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 112 24 107 28 107 35 96 42 95 49-56 94
Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 74 Rosita Rs. 71 Country make Rs. 58 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 33 per cwt.
Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 83 per qr.
SETTLEMENT RATES
Copper sheets Chaitra Rs. 124/8
Ashad Rs. 121
Market tone :—Steady.

Latest Commercial

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON

JULY

New York : March 13.

Previous closing	18.69
To-day's opening	18.70
Difference	+1
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York : March 13.

Following are the New York opening ranges :—
March (18.49/47) 18.48/48
May (18.66/65) 18.62/62
July (18.75/74) 18.70/70

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London : March 13.

SEEDS

Castorseeds March/April (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers.
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£20 nominal) £20 nominal
Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quotes of last year—the decrease being 3 per cent. The present condition of the crop is fairly good on the whole.

(£20 nominal) £20 nominal
Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quotes; £19 7/8 West Coast India shipment) To-day's rate unchanged.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York : March 13.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London : March 13.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.

London : March 13.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON SILVER

London : March 13.

Spot (23 1/2d) not received
Forward (23 1/2d) not received

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London : March 13.

The London Stock Exchange was idle to-day.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London : March 13.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 Ex Div.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London : March 13.

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 15/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/8
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 3/4
4 per cent Funding Loan £116 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 15/16
3 per cent War Loan £100 5/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-10 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 33-4
Electric Music Industry 13-4 1/2
Princhin Johnson 20-4 1/2
Imperial Chemicals 32-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary 49-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £78 1/2
Dundee 26-0
Unilever Ordinary 26-0
Ford Motors 24-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £49 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3-23/32.
Carreas 'A' £5 3/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 9/32
P and O Defd 26-4 1/2
Distillers 74-9
Bredford Dyes 7-10 1/2
British Celanese 6-9
J and P Coates 34-7 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 31-10 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-7 1/2
Inter Nickel dol 40 3/4.
Indian Iron 31-3

TEA SHARES

Assam 10-7 1/2
Donaro Tea 17-7 1/2
Empire of India 10-0

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 6-6
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 9-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-0
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 27/32
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £9
Associated Portland Cement 46-3
Trinidad Leasehold 69-4 1/2
Sub-Nigel £6
Spring Mines Split Shares £1
Union Corporation 126-3

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-3
Anglo-India 40-0
Burma Oil £1 1/2
Mexican Eagle 12-10 1/2
Shell Transport £1 29/32
Royal Dutch £12 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41
London Midland Ordinary £18
London North Eastern Defd £1 3/4
London Southern Defd £15 1/4
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport £39

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York : March 13.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices are as follows :—
General Motors dol 33 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 25 3/4
United States Steel Common dol 50 1/4
United States Steel Preference dol 112 3/4.

Imperial Bank Of India

In the paragraph under the above heading published in the "Chronicle of 12th inst it was stated that "In the issue of the 'Bombay Chronicle' of 21st February a report of the annual general meeting of Imperial Bank of India was published..." This is inaccurate. The report published in our issue of the 21st February related to the Bank of India Ltd., and it was given a wrong heading referring to the Imperial Bank

Retail Foodstuffs Prices

Fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, the 13th March, 1942 :—

Article.	Rate per paylee Rs. a. p
RICE (Burma) :—	
Small Mill	0 9 6
Mandla	0-11-6 to 0 11 9
RICE COUNTRY : JIRASAL :—	
(Bhiwandi) No 1 quality	0-15-0 to 1 1 0
(Bhiwandi) No. 3 quality	0-13-0 to 0 14 0
Patni	0 10 6
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	0 6 6
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	0 6 6
Bajri Kalpi Ordinary	0 7 0
Gram Banda	0 7 0
Gram Shahapura	Not quoted
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	0 9 6
Turdal Surti Oiled (Superior)	0 13 6
Masur Dal Superior	0 9 0
Chana Dal No. 1	0 9 6
	Per lb.
Ghee Porbunder	0 14 6
Butter (Polsons)	1 6 0
Cocoanut Oil	0 3 6
Indian Sugar (large grain)	0 3 0
Groundnut Oil	0 3 0
Mutton (sheep) 1st class	0 5 0
Mutton (goat) 1st class	0 5 0
	Per dozen
Eggs Hen's graded 'Agmark' 0- 8-0 to 0 10 0	
	1 lb.
Potatoes (Indian)	0 1 3
Onions	0 0 9
	2 boxes
Wimco Matches 50 sticks	0 1 0
	1 maund
Charcoal	0 12 0

MADRAS MARKET

Madras : March 13.

The market remained dull to-day. Following are to-day's quotations :—

Buckingham and Carnatic ordy 170 c-d, Prefs 156, Radhakrishna 206 c-d, Rajalakshmi 91/8, Madura Mills 37 c-d Reserve Bank 90/8, Balanoor Prefs 12/2 c-d, Nilambur Rubber 13/4, Chembra Peaks 4/5, Balanoor ordy 8/14 c-d, Peermade Tea ordy 29, Udayagiri 7/4, Kalasa Tea 6, Cochin Malabar ordy 8/8, Thirumbadi 2/0/8, Ouchterlony Valley ordy 2/11 South Madras Electric ordy 11/8, Deccan Sugar ordy big 220, small 49 s l, India Sugars 9/2 Mettur Chemical Old ordy 13/4 6 per cent Mettur Chemical Debs 100.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 13

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. April 214 June 213
Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April 234 June 233
Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April 309 June 302
Yarn No. 40s. April 530 June 525
6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

Second Wheat Forecast

The total all-India area under cultivation is 32,444,000 acres against 33,364,000 acres, the revised figure of last year—the decrease being 3 per cent. The present condition of the crop is fairly good on the whole.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay : March 13.

82 pkgs cotton fents, 214 dms aniline dye, 155 pkgs medicines and drugs. 142 pkgs insulated copper wire, 818 pkgs dyestuff, 180 bags borax, 204 bls printing paper, 332 c/s brake fluid, 32 cases blotting paper, 143 bls wrapping paper, 360 bdls news print in sheets, 40 trusses leather picking bands, 200 dms prtg ink, 55 c/s wooden bobbins, 42 c/s motion picture sound projectors and accs, 470 bags carbon black, 155 c/s pharmaceuticals, 143 dms caustic soda, 52 c/s plain cardboard 40 coils galvd steel wire, 50 crates paper drinking straws, 56 dms chlorate of potash, 344 pkgs machinery and parts, 3400 pkgs auto and auto truck parts, 934 pcs black steel pipe, 80 ctns shoe polish, 151 crts elect motors, 86 c/s steel files, 157 bxs battery insulating, 31 pkgs textile processing compounds, 65 B/bls citric acid, 77 cases steel chains, 210 kegs hydrosulphite, 40 drums hydrosulphite, 101 cases paper board, 123 kegs wire nails, 195 cyl anhydrous ammonia, 60 dms sodium Formaidehyde Sulfoxylite, 50 barrels sodium aluminium sulphate 104 H/hds lime juice, 2624 pkgs galvd steel pipe, 83 pkgs M/cars and chassis, 1550 pkgs Glucose, 38 bdls Ferro Chrome, 100 bris Ferro Silicon, 150 bxs fruit salt, 131 H/hds leaf tobacco, 31 bdls leather belting, 48 bags wooden handles, 35 ctns art leather handbags, 7092 pkgs copper ingot bars, 1218 ctns elect fans, 137 c/s auto batteries, 100 c/s cotton cord twine, 169 c/s steel bead wire, 306 pkgs commercial chassis, 735 dms asphaltum, 3242 bxs tin plates 36 drums asphalt, 423 pkgs sulphur.

EXPORTS

Bombay : March 13.

80 bags cummin seed K Tricamji; 722 bls D/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 54 casks wet salted goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 419 bls raw wool D Abraham and Sons 100 bags unbleached ginger D Abraham and Sons; 300 bags dill seed D Abraham and Sons; 200 bags dry ginger D Abraham and Sons; 727 bags Nuxvomica seeds; 625 bags sesame seed D Abraham and Sons; 23 bags cellery seed D Abraham and Sons; 190 bags fennel seed D Abraham and Sons; 124 bags mustard seed K Tricamji; 15 bls cow tail hair D Abraham and Sons; 50 bls cotton pcegoods Italindia Cotton Co Ltd; 27 bls cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 12 bls cotton yarn Pabaney and Sons Ltd; 28 bls cotton pcegoods C Ujamshibhoy; 4500 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 62 bls cotton pcegoods F F Campbell and Co Ltd; 198 bags gum Nemchand Premchand and Co; 684 bls cotton pcegoods Charles G Gazal; 82 cases cotton pcegoods Tulsidas Khimji; 100 bls cotton pcegoods Ralli Bros Ltd; 5 bls cotton pcegoods Rasiklal Shantilal and Co; 20 bls cotton pcegoods B M P Goveas; 10 bls striped tapestry Charles G Gazal; 500 bls cotton waste clean Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd; 10 bls cotton pcegoods The Central Trading Co; 58 c/s dried cattle beef casings, D Abraham and Sons; 54 bls cotton pcegoods Ebrahim Y Z Ali Reza; 25 bls cotton pcegoods S A Basam; 3100 bls raw cotton Ramnarain Sons Ltd; 250 bls cotton waste clean V A Save and Co; 704 bls cotton waste clean M Chandulal and Co; 387 bls cotton waste clean C Jairam and Co; 360 bls cotton waste clean G M Vyas and Co; 200 bls cotton waste clean P D Vora and Co; 127 bls cotton twist waste Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 47 bls cotton waste clean Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 100 bls cotton waste clean T Laxmidas and Co; 333 bags gum Narsi Muljl and Co; 10 bls goat skins dry unsalted A J Calcuttawalla and Co; 14 bls cotton pcegoods Manekji and Co; 40 bls cotton pcegoods Jayant Trading Co; 44 bls cotton pcegoods James Finlay and Co Ltd; 25 bls cotton pcegoods Parikh Bros; 6 bls cotton pcegoods Vadilal Ltd; 58 bls cotton pcegoods M Gulabdas and Co; 10 bls cotton pcegoods M H Najar; 25 bls cotton pcegoods Hiralal Ltd; 2000 bls raw cotton Ralli Brothers Ltd; 2932 bags linseed Ralli Bros Ltd; 188 bls cotton waste clean Barot Bros and Co; 120 bags gum Khona Bros; 2000 bls raw cotton The Podar Trading Co Ltd; 178 bgs cummin seed E Mavji and Co; 86 bls raw wool Charles Lister and Co: 30 bls raw wool Haji E Dossa; 64 bags Turpeth roots (drugs unmfd) M Kantilal.

Ahmedabad Mills Settlement

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 13.

Settlement was reached yesterday after prolonged negotiations between the Ahmedabad Cloth Associations, Maskati and Panchkuva with the Millowners' Association regarding dispute of delivery of goods. The mills have agreed to grant concessions in case of loss to merchants.

The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association and Maskati Cloth Market have decided to raise big fund of lakhs of rupees for opening grain shops in the city.

PASSENGERS' GRIEVANCES.

The Jt. Hon. Secretary, Passengers' and Traffic Relief Association who saw the Chief Traffic Manager, B. B. & C. I. Railway on Friday has pleasure to state as under :—

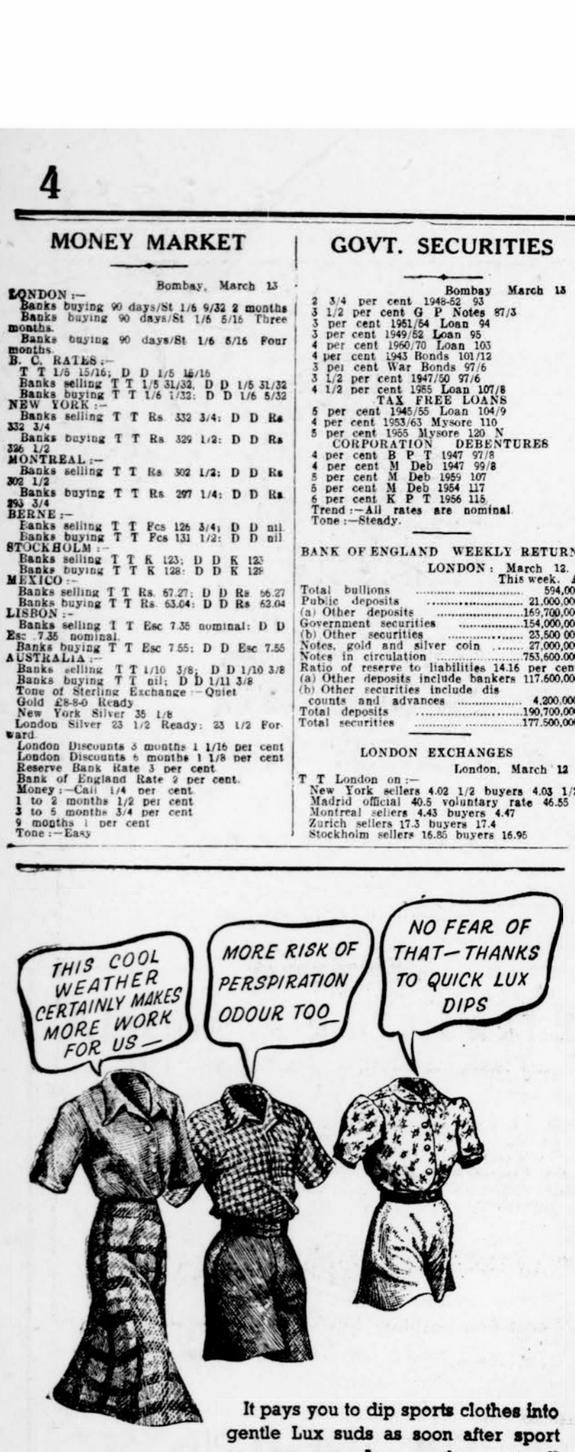
"MORE TRAINS FOR GUJRAT & KATHIAWAD.—The Chief Traffic Manager is agreeable to run extra trains from Bombay especially for long distance Kathiawad Passengers provided both the morning trains (i.e. 8-0 a.m. Kathiawad Express and 8-40 a.m Passenger) were to go full. At present both the trains still go "light" based on the sale of total tickets for these two trains. Passengers who usually prefer to go by mails are strongly advised to go by Kathiawad Express as more accommodation is available by it at present.

SECOND CLASS ACCOMMODATION.—The Railway authorities regret that as only limited 2nd class boggys are available they are unable to provide more accommodation to the public. It is suggested that they might relieve pressure on 2nd class Booking by travelling 3rd class

ADVANCE BOOKING BY KATHIAWAD EXPRESS.—The tickets for 15 down morning Kathiawad Express will be also issued a day previous at the Bombay Central Station and after 6 p.m. and at the City Booking Offices after 5 p.m. Intending passengers therefore can purchase their tickets a day in advance

The 15 Down Kathiawad Express will now stop at Billimora, Kosamba and Miyagam more quota of tickets at Kalbadevi Booking Office. The Kalbadevi Booking Office will be henceforward allowed a quota of 200 tickets instead of 100 tickets.

MORE STALL.—The C. T. M. has kindly agreed to see that the coaching staff at the Central station and Kalbadevi Booking Office is adequate to cope with the work at present."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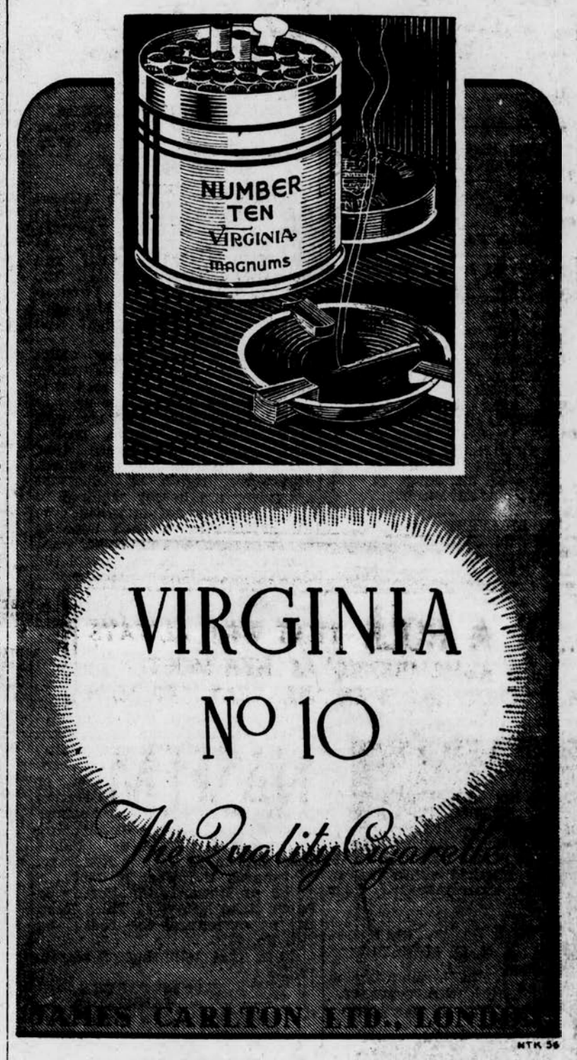

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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Fagan Vad 12, 1998
Muslim: Safar 26, 1361
Parsi: Meher 11, 1311.
Sunrise 6-50 a.m. Sunset 5-46 p.m.
Hightide 10-08, 22-54. Lowtide 4-24, 16-18.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

LAMINGTON—"Ujala" 3, 6 & 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12-30 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 & 9 p.m To-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Beti" 3, 6 and 9 p.m
METRO—"Two-Faced Woman" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"A Yank In The R.A.F." 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja Rani" 3-30, 6-15 & 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 & 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon
EXCELSIOR—"Percy Athos Follies" 6-15 & 9-15 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 & 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
EDWARD—"Riders of Death Valley" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Love Crazy" 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Gharki Laj" 4-30, 7 & 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 & 9 p.m Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Paisa" 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Kasauti" 4-15, 7 & 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m
SWASTIK—"Garib" 3, 6 & 9 p.m. Matinee on Sunday at 12 noon.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30 5-45 & 8-45 p.m. Matinee to-day & to-morrow 11-15
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 & 9 p.m. Matinee to-morrow at 11 a.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day & to-morrow 1-30
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.

In Memoriam

KIRTIKAR—In Loving remembrance of VASUDEV—
Quick and sudden was the call,
His premature death shocked us all;
He shall ever live fresh in our memory
Though God has taken him in His safe custody.
—(Inserted by his brother JAGANNATH).

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(By A SUBURBAN MAN).

On Thursday evening Mr. G.W. McElhinny, Collector of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District, performed the opening ceremony of a grain shop at Hill Road, opp. the Parsi Fire Tempie at Bandra. A large select gathering of citizens were present.

An important feature on this occasion was the distribution of free grain to the poor of Bandra. Nearly 2,000 poor people of the depressed communities crowded near the grain shop.

The Collector was met by the members of the Citizens' Committee who were instrumental in getting Government to open this grain shop and was entertained to tea along with the guests at St. Martines Club Hall. Dr. P.A. Dias, President of the Bandra Municipality, welcomed the Collector and explained the purpose of the formation of the Citizens' Emergency Committee and thanked Government for opening the grain shop which, he said, would be a help not only to the poor, but also to the rich.

Professor A.M. Moulvi, a Joint Secretary of the Citizens' Committee, explained how the Committee came into existence and thanked the donors who made it possible to distribute 1,000 pailies of rice.

The Collector praised the Committee for their good work and said that starting of the grain shop was not with the intention of taking the trade out of the hands of traders, but to stop profiteering He then declared the grain shop open and personally commenced distribution of rice to the poor.

CULTURAL SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF SOVIET: The next meeting will be held at Bhadran Bhuvan, 96, Nalgaum Cross Rd., Dadar, to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY: For visiting Ahimsak Vyayam Sangh the members of the Society will meet on Sunday (tomorrow) at Malad Station between 7-30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

BOMBAY HINDI VIDYAPEETH: Fresh 'Visharad' classes will be started from today (Saturday) in Vidyapeeth office, Marwari Vidyalaya Bhavan, Sandhurst Road.

WILSONIANS' "AT HOME" TO PAST STUDENTS: The Principal and staff of Wilson College will be "At Home" to past students to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m.

BOM. NATIONAL GUARDS: The Joint-Secretary writes: The annual general body meeting of the B.N.G., which has been postponed will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 7 a.m. at the Congress House

PATHARE PRABHU SOCIAL SAMAJ: To-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. Dr. G.Y. Chitnis, editor "Chitra" will speak on "Present Political Deadlock" Mr. B.R. Dhurandhar will preside.

S. P. HAKIMJI HIGH SCHOOL BORDI The 22nd annual day function of the High School will take place at Bordi on Sunday (15th inst.) under the presidentship of Mr. R.P. Vagh, Chiarman, Bassein Education Society.

A.R.P. & WOMEN: Under the auspices of the "Rahbar" there will be a meeting of women to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. at Badar Bagh, in Balaram St., New Charni Rd., when a lecture on "A.R.P. and Women" will be given.

KRISHNA & UDDHAWA: Swami Goureshivarananda will conduct a class on the last message of Sri Krishna and Uddhawa to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. in Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, 54, Portuguese Church St., Dadar (B.B.).

RECEPTION TO HARIJAN LEADERS: The Bombay Depressed Classes have planned to hold a reception in honour of the Punjab Depressed Class leaders, Pandit Mohanlal Yatri and Mr. Bhagat Amichand to-day (Saturday) at 8 p.m. at the Nagpada Neighbourhood Hall, under the presidentship of Mr. Hirjibhai K. Patel.

A.R.P. EXHIBITION: The Parsi Ambulance and Parsi Nursing Divisions of the St John Ambulance Brigade Overseas will hold an A.R.P. Exhibition at the Lady Willingdon Building, opp. Metro Cinema, Dhobi Talao, at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday). Maj.-Gen. R. H. Candy, Surgeon-General, will declare it open.

A.R.P. CONTROLLERS' REQUEST

The A.R.P. Controller, Bombay, requests members of the public seeking interviews with any officer working at A.R.P. Headquarters or seeking information on A.R.P. matters, kindly to call or telephone between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

PARENTS' DAY A.R.P. EXHIBITION: The opening of the Parent Day A.R.P. Exhibition of St. Teresa's High School Girgaum, will be performed by Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, at 4-30 p.m. to-day. At 6 p.m. there will be a talk on Junior A.R.P. Organisation in schools by Rev. Fr. P.E. Fernandes. On Sunday the Exhibition will remain open from 3-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.

P.V.B. A.R.P. CLASSES: Under the auspices of the P.V.B. the A.R.P. classes have been opened at the following centres:—'B' Ward: Rokhade School, Mandvi, 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) and Grain Merchants' Association, 8-30 p.m 'C' Ward: Chotalal Mansion, Kalbadevi, 9 p.m and Govindwadi, Kalbadevi, 9 p.m. 'D' Ward: Congress House, 8 p.m. 'F' Ward: Nappoo Hall, 9 p.m. and South Indian Education Society School, Matunga, 9 p.m.

BOM. TELEPHONE WORKERS' UNION: An urgent extraordinary general meeting of the Bombay Telephone workers will be held in the office compound at 95, Naigam Cross Road, Dadar, to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. to consider the company's notification regarding essential service ordinance when the resolution of the Managing Committee on the above will be explained and decision taken in regard to the above notification of the company.

A. I. R.

Tonight At 8-45

"DOT AND DASH"

Guests: Two Editors

16,964 PERSONS LEAVE BOMBAY IN 24 HOURS

BOMBAY, Friday.

A Press Note from G.I.P. Railway says. — The bookings yesterday upto midnight last night for the 24 hours were in north-east direction 5,098 passengers and in the south-east 11,866, the total being 16,964. the booking to the north-east having jumped up by 1,500 passengers. On the previous day all the traffic was cleared and the position this morning was normal. The special trains advertised are continuing to be run.

Complaints Against B. B. & C. I. Railway

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:—

As a constant passenger, will you please let me voice the bitter complaints of passengers on the Bombay-Surat run? They feel sorely neglected by the B.B and C.I Railway. Here are the proofs. For Kathiavad passengers, they have the Gujrat ... the Kathiavad Mail, and the night passenger train When the authorities resumed the morning fast train, they changed the old Express into a Mail; and cancelled the halts at Dahanu Road, Umbegaon, Daman, Udvada and Billimora, causing great inconvenience to passengers and evacuees bound for these stations. The slow morning passenger train is a misnomer! It is a semi-parcel train running usually late one, two and even three hours! Recently, the authorities have resumed the afternoon train; but that too is not to be a passenger train; but it will run like a third Kathiawal Mail, with additional halts only at Dahanu and Daman! Are not the travelling public on the Bombay-Surat run simply discarded? Then again, there is no morning train from Surat to Bombay! Whereas, there are two afternoon trains, one running on top of another! I am amazed, that such a state of affairs exists on the B.B. Ry. with an energetic officer like Mr. Aldous, as the Chief Traffic Manager. Won't he move in the matter early, and remove the cause of these bitter complaints?

ILLEGAL PRACTICES AT RAILWAY STATIONS: Mr. Chanabhai Khetsi, the Hon. Managing Secretary of the Bombay Grain Dealers' Association, in a letter to the General Traffic Manager, B.B. and C.I. Railway Bombay, has brought to his notice the activities of the profiteers at the booking windows at the Bombay Central and has requested him to open more booking windows to check profiteering.

Extra Express For Gujerat And Kathiawar

The Hon Secretary of the Passengers and Traffic Relief Association, Bombay writes:—

To cope with the rush of passenger traffic from Bombay, the B.B. and C.I. Railway has commenced to run from March 13th one extra Express at 1-50 p.m. It will halt at and take passengers for all down Kathiawar Express Stations and also for Dahanu, Daman and Udvada.

The fare will be Mail fare. We have pressed the necessity of allowing the city booking offices at Kalbadevi and Girgaom to issue their quota of 200 and 100 tickets respectively for this train as well, but the Chief Traffic Manager desires to watch for a few days the working of this train. The Kathiawar Railways too have been also officially informed to make suitable arrangements to meet this extra traffic."

ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 14.

Delhi, I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far East. 5 Mausam ke Rag. 5-15 Manohar. 5-25 Nasir Moinuddin. 5-45 Zohra Jan. 6-15 Asha Posley. 6-30 Afzal Husain. 6-45 Raftar-e-Zamana: Weekly review of current events in Hindustani. 7 Ustad Bundu Khan: Sarangi. 7-15 For villagers only. 8 Making maps for the Fighting Troops: Talk. 8-15 Chander Kant on Sarangi. 8-30 Dhol ka Pol: Talk in Hindustani. 8-35 Zohra Jan. 8-50 Eman on Violin. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Asha Posley 9-55 Listening Post. Talk relayed from B B C. 10 Namakdan: Variety programme in Hindustani.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,23) kc/s)
41.44 metres (7.240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Delhi 2. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Delhi 2. 8-50 News in Marathi 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 to 9-20 As in Delhi 2 9-20 A R P. Talk. 12 noon to 12-57 As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

Bombay II—Programme.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

From 7-30 Bombay 2 will operate on 89.15 Listening Post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2. metres (3,365 kc/s)

5 p.m. To-morrow. 5-5 to 5-40 As in Delhi 2. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 to 6 As in Delhi 2. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Alap on Violin. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Children's Half-Hour in Hindustani. 7 Indian recorded music. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Delhi 2. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Dhol ka Pol: Talk in Hindustani. 8-45 Dot and Dash by D F. Karaka. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi II. 10-45 Close down

GOVERNOR'S BROADCAST: His Excellency the Governor of Bombay will broadcast on National War Front from the Bombay Station of All-India Radio at 8-30 p.m on Tuesday (March 17).

GOVERNOR TO BE ON AIR

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LORRY DRIVER BAILED OUT

Syedulla Nazulla, the driver of a motor-lorry which was involved in a motor accident on the Marine Drive on Thursday evening resulting in injuries to five persons, including three advocates and a solicitor, was put up before Mr. Mathalone, Presidency Magistiate, Esplanade and was enlarged on bail.

The police stated that the lorry which was being driven along Marine Drive, was suddenly swerved to the right with the result that a car which was trying to overtake it, collided with it resulting in injuries to five persons.

"Save Gopalan"

A public meeting of the citizens of Bombay will be held at Chowpatty at 5 p.m. tomorrow (Sunday) to appeal for clemency, under the joint auspices of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, Indian Civil Liberties Union Congress Socialist Party, Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, Bombay Presidency Students Federation, Bombay Students Union, Bombay Students Union (North), B. B. & C. I. Rly., Men's Union, Building Kamgar Union, Press Workers' Union, B. E. S. T. Workers' Union, Richardson & Cruddas Workers' Union, Friends of the Soviet Union, Workers Theatre Society.

Abidali Jafferbhoy will preside.

Speakers: Messrs. Kedgikar, Purshotam Tricumdas, Laljee Pendse, Munshi, Mohiddin, M. S. Bakshi, Sakkrikar, Hudlikar, Keshav Talpade and Mrs. Urmila Mehta.

CULTURE AND CIVILISATION: That "Economic conditions are the deciding factors of culture and civilisation" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. Mr. S. Natarajan, Editor "The Indian Social Reformer" will preside. Mr. M.D. Japeth will propose and Mr. R.I. Patel will oppose.

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NO FREEDOM, NO SETTLEMENT

It has been said that the position created by Sir Stafford Cripps' mission in India carries us back to the hopeful atmosphere created by the Gandhi-Irwin Pact. No doubt some hopes were raised by the fairly definite provisions of the Pact which promised complete self-government to India, subject only to temporary and mutually acceptable safeguards demonstrably in the interests of India. But the way that Pact was subsequently explained away and ten years later was substituted by a worse declaration and all that has happened during these years forbid any great hopes now. If the old declarations stand, they are worthless If there is a new one, it is still absolutely unknown. And so are the detailed proposals based thereon. When everything is shrouded in uncertainty one is naturally more distrustful than hopeful.

Alternatives

That is not all. The war situation is now such that for the people to undertake the responsibility for the conduct of the war is a task of tremendous implications. On the other hand, non-cooperation, too, is fraught with danger. For, in various ways, the people have to suffer for the bungling of the authorities. What then shall we do? It all depends upon the proposals, which Sir Stafford may bring with them. If they do not concede complete freedom to India to regulate her own policy, including war policy, if, in other words, India is not to have the same freedom as is enjoyed by a Dominion like Australia, her decision is simple and there is no controversy about it. The proposals must be summarily rejected. They are unconscionable as imposing heavy responsibilities on the people while denying to them the power necessary to cope with them. But suppose that after negotiations complete freedom is offered to India on the condition that a particular war policy must be followed at a particular cost to India; that, in other words, freedom is offered subject to conditions, to a kind of treaty, which cannot be modified unilaterally, the response will naturally depend upon the conditions But it should be understood that even if the proposals are accepted, they are for the time being and that within a fairly definite period India becomes completely free.

Congress-League

Negotiations Essential

Now suppose, finally, that unconditional freedom is offered, with all its advantages and all its risks in the midst of the war, what then? The question is superfluous The offer has got to be accepted even if the risks were ten times greater. Otherwise there is no meaning in the demand for complete independence. Independence is always preferable to subjection, however disguised, for the simple reason that we can better serve our interests than can non-Indians. We can serve better still with such help as our Allies can give us, it being understood that at all times we regulate our policy in consultation with other interests involved. Our independence can be an unmixed blessing —for the world as well as for India—if it is preceded by a complete settlement among ourselves, nay, a settlement will make independence inevitable. No cost, therefore, can be too high for it. A settlement is easy if the majority community is generous and the minorities reasonable in the demands for safeguards, remembering that everywhere and at all times the goodwill of the majority has been the best safeguard. Sir Stafford can certainly help a settlement and he may be trusted to do his best, but much depends on the Congress and the Muslim League, that is, virtually on Gandhiji and Mr. Jinnah. They may well have an interview even before Sir Stafford comes to India.

American Preparations

An "unmistakable sense of tension in Washington" over the week-end has, according to a New York correspondent of a British paper, been widely interpreted as heralding an Allied offensive in the Pacific. "A conservative view", says the correspondent, "is that the American forces are ready to begin striking a series of blows at Japanese lines, with the object of slowing down and impairing supplies to enemy establishments in Malaya, the Indies and Burma while a large Allied force built up of American materials and troops will be available for the defence of Australia" This week-end tension has now been followed by an announcement from America's own Assistant Secretary for war that the United States was preparing to launch a counter-offensive. Mr. Patterson was vague as to when, how and where it would be launched. We, however, do not see any reason to expect an immediate offensive

But we do hope that American material and troops have been despatched for the defence of Australia. This brooks no delay for the very simple reason that the Japanese will not obligingly wait. They have already landed in New Guinea and unless Australia is strengthened and reinforced within the next few days the situation may become worse than difficult. Nor need there be any delay in striking at Japanese lines. They are already dangerously long for the Japanese and important successes can be achieved against them immediately if air and sea campaign can be intensified. The possibilities of this campaign are dramatically illustrated by the fact that during the last few days Allied aircraft operating off New Guinea and an American submarine in Japanese waters have together accounted for no fewer than seventeen Japanese transports and freighters as well as four or five warships. Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek has publicly called for an all-out offensive against Japan's lines of communications. He is right because the offensive is both urgent and possible.

"Akhand Hindustan"

This is the title of Mr. K. M. Munshi's latest book (New Book Company; pages 273; price Rs. 4) The book contains several articles previously published in the "Social Welfare" and speeches delivered by him since 1938 and they seek to explain the unity which runs through the history, culture and life of India. Some of the chapters in the book expressly set forth the evils of the Pakistan Scheme. Here and there one finds the suggestion that Congressmen pursue the policy of appeasement in dealing with the Pakistanists, as, for instance, when the author, after referring to the efforts of Gandhiji and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad for Hindu-Muslim unity, says: Will appeasement secure what the efforts of the Apostle of non-violence and the greatest Mussalman in the country failed to achieve"? Mr. Munshi pleads for the "fearless advocacy of Akhand Hindustan". Six Good Reasons are mentioned why "India will and must remain one and indivisible". And they are; (1) Muslims will not accept the division; (2) the Hindus will never agree to it; (3) Nationalist India does not want it; (4) Indian States will never submit to it; (5) the British will not be party to it; (6) the world conditions will not permit it". In short, nobody wants it, not even the Muslims. If so, why suggest that the absence of specific anti-Pakistan propaganda is inspired by fear and a policy of appeasement? Nor is it right or charitable to suggest that the efforts of Gandhiji and his followers have failed to achieve Hindu-Muslim unity. If they are to be regarded as having failed merely because Hindu-Muslim unity is not sufficiently in evidence at present, why, everybody must be said to have failed. The fact is that a fair measure of unity exists and that is in no small measure due to the attempts of Gandhiji and other Congressmen and their well-known methods of achieving unity. Congressmen are still striving to achieve more of it and they are also fighting in their own way for "Akhand Hindustan". And, despite all misrepresentation, the country knows that their way is the best way. However, the reader will find much stimulating and thought-provoking material in Mr. Munshi's latest book, particularly if it is read side by side with his last one, "I Follow the Mahatma".

Frankly Speaking

The Burma Front

The General Headquarters communique issued on Friday morning—12 hours later than usual—does not give a clear picture of the situation after the evacuation of Rangoon. It cryptically mentions that fighting is in progress around Shwegyin to the north-east of Pegu and that the situation is under control around Tharrawady, 70 miles north of Rangoon and about 50 miles to the North-West of Pegu. The Japanese had made a dash for Tharrawady with the object of cutting off and encircling the Rangoon flank of the British army. It is, therefore, good to know that the situation at Tharrawady is in hand. But where is the British right flank now and what happens to Bassein which is almost due west of Rangoon and towards which the Japanese were reporting to be advancing?

M. Haye's Denial

M. Henri Haye, the Vichy Ambassador at Washington, has declared that Madagascar "has not, and will not be, turned over to the Japanese or anyone else." This is not the first occasion that M. Haye has denied suggestions regarding Vichy's policy and sometimes he has done so with his tongue in his cheek. The fact is that Madagascar will remain French at the pleasure of Germany and her allies. The same is true of the French fleet. The French fleet is undoubtedly weak in the matter of capital ships and Herr Hitler knows that those he can secure for immediate service may somewhat be balanced by Britain's taking over the two or three immobilised in Alexandria and British. But he will get a swarm of submarines, destroyers and cruisers. The only method of saving the French fleet is to convince Vichy France that it will lose more than gain by yielding to Germany. What is required is material proof of Allied strength, a decisive success in Libya, for instance.

Behaviour Of Soldiers

It is not surprising that the Bombay Municipal Corporation unanimously adopted a resolution urging Government to take steps to prevent the misbehaviour of some soldiers in the city. It must be stated at the outset that such mischief is confined to only a small proportion of the soldiers in the city. Mr. Chamberlain, joining in the protest, conveyed to the Corporation the sincere regret of members of the combatant forces, whom he had met, for the conduct of a handful of their 'pals' and added that they had felt the misdemeanour of their colleagues more than any member of the Corporation could feel. We have no doubt Mr. Chamberlain gave expression to the views and feelings of the vast majority of the members of the combatant forces. We understand that the military authorities and the Government of Bombay are taking measures to prevent the recurrence of incidents to which the resolution of the Corporation referred.

Soviet Takes Heavy Toll Of Luftwaffe

Enemy Lines Breached At Several Points: Fierce Fighting On S.-W. Front

MOSCOW: March 13.

Soviet mid-day "Communique" states: "During the night of March 12 our troops in several sectors of the front continued active operations against German and Fascist troops."

Fierce fighting is taking place on the South-Western front reports the Tass Military Correspondent. Soviet troops by bold attacks destroyed enemy personnel and material. Soviet artillery magnificently supporting the infantry, silenced a number of batteries. On several sectors of this front Soviet troops breached the enemy's defence lines by an irresistible bayonet charges.

ENEMY LINES BREACHED

The Tass Agency correspondent reports on the South-Western front, Russian troops have breached the enemy lines at several points at the point of bayonets. The Soviet Air Force continues to take a heavy toll of the Luftwaffe and according to the "Pravada" in a surprise raid on a German Aerodrome, eight enemy planes were destroyed. In another attack on an airfield three German fighters were shot down and four others damaged.

Hunt For Nazi Air Ace's Forged Letter

STOCKHOLM: The Gestapo has promised a reward of a hundred thousand marks for the production of the original of an alleged letter from the German Air Ace, Lieut.-Col. Moelder, who was killed near Bresian last November. The letter which is being circulated in Germany is obviously a forgery, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter." It seeks to show that Col. Moelders was inspired in air feats by religious conviction rather than by faith in Germany's political aims. The Gestapo considers this a dangerous form of propaganda and has already sent to concentration camp several perns who are known to have passed the letter on.

"SCORCHED EARTH" POLICY

The success of the Russian "scorched earth" policy is discussed in an article from the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm's "Tidningen" who says that Germany will have to wait a long time before deriving any benefit from the rich soil of the Ukraine for the Russians have destroyed all grain stocks and agricultural machinery including tractors. The colossal task of providing agricultural machinery and fuel is beyond Germany's present capacity.

The correspondent also reports that Ukrainian industries have been systematically destroyed that many are useless.—Reuter.

As I See It

Indian Leadership

by D. F. KARAKA

With the decision of the British Government to send out Sir Stafford Cripps to India to secure the approval and the consent of Indian leaders of all sections of public opinion, an occasion has risen in this country when leadership will be severely tested. Hitherto we were content to say on every occasion that the British Government was to blame for the deadlock in India and that unless Britain budged from the position it had taken nothing could be done by Indians with honour and self-respect. Hitherto also when Britain was asked to make a change in its attitude to India, its spokesmen made pronouncements of some sort or the other and more often than not the offer of Britain was unanimously turned down by all parties in India In fact, if there was one point on which there was a unanimity of opinion in India it was that Britain had not offered enough. So the deadlock continued and with it the bitterness grew. The main explanation of failure of Britain's offers was that these offers were formulated and made by men who had neither sympathy for Indian feelings nor understanding of conditions prevalent in this country. They were based on obsolete imperialist theories of Britain's role in India and while the main concern of imperialists was to safeguard vested interests, we heard instead about sacred trusts which were being discharged.

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Then Japan came to our doors. Our frontiers were in danger of being violated. Through a feeling of self-preservation, both India and Britain felt a time had come for a new approach to the deadlock—an approach which was motivated by a desire to breach the gulf. Indian thought and opinion began to think for the first time in terms of self-defence. Progressive elements in Britain clamoured for a change in the British outlook. Even Conservatives were found to change their spots and so staunch a guardian of Conservative thought as the London "Times" talked about opportunities that had been lost, though forgetting that it had itself been largely instrumental in the losing of them. The result of all this was the promised declaration on India by Winston Churchill.

We then heard of Mr. Jinnah's telegram and his threat that if power was handed over to a majority thus making it impossible for the Muslim League to achieve its aim, Muslims would revolt against such an order. It seems possible that with such a telegram before them, the British War Cabinet thought it wiser to postpone the declaration of its new policy towards India because, and quite rightly, it could not now afford to risk its rejection by any influential section of public opinion—majority or minorities. That seems a plausible explanation for the delay in making the announcement and also in the dramatic move of a personal visit to us from Sir Stafford Cripps. Only because it is an Englishman of the calibre and sincerity and sympathetic understanding of Cripps, that his mission is looked forward to by the great majority of Indians in this country. Cripps' general attitude to India makes us believe in the possibility of his bringing to us terms which are substantially different from those that have been offered before. It doesn't seem possible that Cripps could have changed in his attitude to India, because of the influence of Churchill and Amery. It is more possible to suppose that his influence over them was more likely to prevail.

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So that as the position stands to-day Cripps, a man in whom we have confidence, is coming over to us for a settlement of the deadlock. What will be the position the Indian leaders will take? Will it be that Congress and Muslim League will express divergent points of view or will Indian leaderships rise to the occasion and say that we are united in our demand and this (whatever it is) is our demand? If Cripps found a unanimity of opinion amongst Indians, he would know where he stood and where India stands also. But the fear in the minds of the rank and file of Indians is that our leaders will not present that united front in which case leadership in India, of whatever variety it is, must be regarded as having failed. I realise fully that hitherto the Congress and the Muslim League have not seen eye to eye on many question. It is also a fact that the Congress regime, although it had many good points, did tend to leave a large minority dissatisfied, rightly or wrongly. Even Mahatma Gandhi has admitted the mistakes and the shortcomings of Congressmen in office. Incidents occurred which should not have occurred and it is reasonable to suppose that minorities are a little hesitant of putting their future destiny in the hands of a permanent majority. At the same time Mr. Jinnah's Pakistan is not a happy solution, because fundamentally it tends to divide instead of to unite. Out of all this chaos no one man has risen to lead this country in a way which would be acceptable to all parties. It is an almost impossible task, but that is the grim reality that faces us.

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While leaders differ, the rank and file of the people want one thing to-day—more than any other. They want the means of self-defence. They want protection from the enemy for their homes, their wives and their children. They want the co-ordination of effort to resist the invasion with which we are threatened. They want to see this country make its greatest effort to defend itself. Whatever political principles may be involved, the uppermost thought in the minds of all Indians to-day is: "What will happen if Japan turns its forces on to us?" And unless Australia is the next objective of Japan, it will certainly be ourselves.

We have heard about Japanese aims from the Japanese and we have seen these aims put into effect in those places which the Japanese have invaded. We have had the testimony of many honest and neutral observers to convince us of the barbarity of Japanese soldiers. We have heard harrowing tales of rape and murder, such as our soldiers could never have stooped to had they been conquering Japanese territory. The present-day civilization of Japanese, if civilsation it can still be called, goes against our grain. The declaring of a whole locality as a brothel for Japanese soldiers is no act of civilization. And if this is the Japanese idea of a Greater Asia, we would like to be excluded from it.

Our children are not targets for Japanese bombers. That is the main concern of the ordinary man in the street and what we want to see our leaders do for us is to ensure that this Japanese invader does not come to our homes and on our land. That is the reason why the Cripps mission must not fail. As Sir Sikander Hyat Khan points out, it would be advisable for Indian leaders to meet and agree upon the principle of India's demand and not wait for Sir Stafford Cripps to arrive here and find that we have yet to reach an agreement. As I see it, leaderships in India is about to stand its severest test.

The people of this country must not be let down.

FREEDOM AND SELF-DEFENCE

BY G. M. JADHAV.

"Preparation in modern war is more necessary and must be pusned further than in the past.

Unless one acts thus, one is forestalled and outdistanced by the adversary. One thing alone is of import: the point of preparation reached at the actual outbreak of war." (Marshal Foch. The Principles of War, page 44).

Indians were not trained to defend India. Now the British realise their mistake. But do they understand that even now as free men Indians will fight for the defence of India with as much enthusiasm as any other men fight for the defence of their own country? All this should have been realised by the British as long ago as 1914 or even 1920. The other day Mr. Churchill informed the House of Commons that the Japanese had been making preparations for war for the last twenty years. Why not? But what were the British doing? Where was there Intelligence Department? We are told that the Japanese know every inch of Malaya, Singapore, Burma, etc. I may add here that they know all about India, Afghanistan, Persia, etc., also. If they did not, their General Staff would not be worth that name. After all what is the duty of the General Staff? A very useful and interesting answer will be found in "The Brain of an Army" by Spenser Wilkinson. Many things have changed since that book was written but the general functions the General Staff are well described by Spenser Wilkinson. There are many new books on the subject.

The other day Lord Strabolgi said in the House of Lords: "The mark of a free man to-day is the right to bear arms in the defence of his own country." It is something to hear this in March 1942. But when will the British ruling classes arm the people of India and create a national army in India under the command of Indian officers? Since 1914 I have had plans ready for Military, Naval and Air Force Schools in India. Many officers could have been trained in India on a national basis All Indians would have been equally responsible for the defence of India. In Japan universal military service was introduced in 1872. The Samurai class, the martial class, did not like this but universal military service made every Japanese responsible for the defence of Japan. The spirit of patriotism and self-sacrifice created a strong bond between the different clans. Before 1872 the clans were fighting and there was no national feeling, no national unity and no national solidarity. The fact that universal military service was introduced made a great difference in the outlook on life and all Japanese began to understand the importance of national service.

Even now in India much can be done if the British give complete independence to the people of India and hand over the Defence of India to Indians. It is a psychological fact that people will fight for the freedom of their country with the utmost determination as free men. Had the British realised this simple fact in 1920 and made adequate preparations for the defence of Britain, India and the Far East the fate of Hong Kong, Singapore, etc., would have been different.

I make an appeal to the Universities to encourage the study of military subjects. In a national war we require the help of the whole nation. It would be possible to write several articles on this subject. The books written by General Fuller, Captain Liddell Hart, Captain Kennedy, Major Cole and other military writers will be useful. Our students should start study circles. During the vacation they can devote much time to the military studies The Government can easily organise military education camps for many students. Much work can be done with the help of men who are interested in this subject. It is time something was done. The students can help themselves by forming study classes for the study of military books. Government can easily give rifles, etc., for the practical training of many students. The students are ready to receive such training. But who will help them and who will organise camps for them during the summer vacation?

GANDHIJI'S APPEAL TO JINNAH

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Mahatma Gandhi's appeal to Quaid-e-Azam in the "Harijan" has prompted me to write this letter.

He writes that he has been painfully but regularly going through the English weeklies that come to him that are devoted to the cause of the Muslim League. He suggests that he reads them so as to keep himself informed of what the Muslim mind, as influenced by the Muslim League, thinks. He says that these weeklies contain what appear to him to be distortions of truth and vilification of the Congress and Congressmen and the Hindus. I think his complaint is legitimate and it is to be heard.

But before I could attend to it, will he be good enough to tell me, whether he has been going through the vernacular weeklies published by Congress, Congressmen and the Hindus? I have reason to believe that he does. Then I am sure, he must have read much more of distortion of truth and vilification of the Muslims and the Muslim League. There, it seems, his mind is not touched nor does he care to show any concern or sympathy to the Muslims and the Muslim League.

Only the other day, I was chanced to read the "Bombay Chronicle," wherein I found an appeal of Mr. Satyamurti for Hindu-Muslim Unity. I have read many such articles on the same subject and I think there are some more to come for publication. These articles, as I find, are only meant for the purpose of publication and they are as such published.

Mr. Satyamurti has quoted history to show that the King of Afghanistan and Akber the Great were generous enough to please Hindus at the cost of their coreligionists by forbidding cow-slaughter. Let me tell Mr. Satyamurti and Gandhiji and the Hindus that any amount of quotations from the history will not serve any purpose unless they mean to show good faith to the Muslims. Mr. Satyamurti and the Hindus will find in every Muslim the generosity and the magnanimity of heart of King of Afghanistan and the Moghul kings of Hindustan.

Now, let me ask Mr. Satyamurti and the Hindus a question as what you Hindus have done for the Muslims? There are several instances to show that when the Congress were in power, the Muslims and the other minority suffered a lot; they were neglected, their rights were denied till at least, when the Congress Ministry resigned, they thanked God for their deliverance

Dear Mahatmaji, what Muslims required at the outset was not Pakistan but they wanted sufficient place to live in, good food, sufficient clothing and rights of citizenship. Were these things given to them you would have seen in every Muslim a true friend. But none of you have considered these important things obviously when they realised that they are to be governed by the iron hand they came out to fight their own battle and to win Pakistan for them where, they hope, they will build their own nation, where they can get what had been hitherto denied.—Yours, etc.,

(Miss) RUKAYYA BEGUM SHAIKH.
Bombay.

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To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—"One reads with grief the propaganda against Hinduism published in a Muslim League organ and reproduced in the "Harijan". The paragraph quoted by Gandhiji is an eye-opener to many and surely his appeal will not fall on deaf ears. There is no doubt that the Muslim League organ crossed all bounds of decency and good taste. Is it culture to abuse other religion? The paper is being edited by a responsible person and one feels that it could not be an oversight.—Yours, etc.,

"A LAWYER."

P.V.B. Centres

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I learnt from the announcement in the "Bombay Chronicle in its issues of the 19th and the 20th Feb. '42 that P. V. B. recruit Centres are opened in all the wards and that in consultation with Dr. Gilder C. M. O. in charge of the medical activities of the P. V. B. extensive plans have been set on foot to enable large number of people both men and women to receive necessary medical training useful for the purposes of the A. R. P. and that a Board of Control has been formed.

One was glad to find that Dr. Gilder was placed at the head of the medical activities. The Board will require a very large number of qualified medical men and women for the field work, casualty clearing centres and for the surgical treatment of the injured.

Of all parts of India Bombay has the strongest independent medical profession, reliable, efficient, nationalist and ready to keep up that noblest tradition of their profession-Service to Humanity. Its medical organisations are also strong and have proved their strength number of times in the past. The Indian Medical Association, the only All-India Medical Organisation which the Government had to recognise as a representative body of the medical profession in India, has a strong branch in Bombay. The Bombay Medical Union, the Bombay Branch of the Licentiates Association and the Bombay Branch of the All-India Medical Women's Association are very active medical organisations in the city. These organisations have thorough knowledge about the members of the medical profession and also of organising medical relief work in times of emergency. I am sure in the present emergency, the Bombay Medical profession will stand by the public and will be ready to serve and sacrifice in the cause of humanity.

Bombay has the greatest advantage over all the cities in India in having a large number of charity and private nursing homes, spread out through almost all the wards, fairly well equipped and well staffed. These nursing homes are likely to remain scantily occupied by patients during critical times. They can be well utilised as Casualty Clearing Centres. Their being situated in different wards makes the question of transport of the injured easy for the field workers. The distance being short the patients can be carried to the Casualty Clearing Stations on stretchers fixed on wheels and motor ambulances will not be required. They can also be used as training centres for the First Aid.

Such being the condition, one wonders why the P.V.B. organisers did not think of inviting co-operation of either the medical profession or the medical organisations in Bombay at any of the stages of their progress so far. One would expect that the medical profession should have been asked to send their representatives to the P.V.B. Control Board and on committees in charge of medical activities. I hope Dr. Gilder will guide the P.V.B. properly and give the medical profession its proper place in the P.V.B. organisation, if its medical activities are to be carried out by reliable, enthusiastic and efficient medical persons.—Yours etc.,

CHAMANLAL MEHTA.

Raj Bhuwan,
Sandhurst Road,
Bombay, 4.

An Appeal To The University

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Bombay boasts of nearly a dozen colleges and scores of other educational institutions. A conservative estimate of students studying in these institutions would bring the number to nearly fifty thousand. Students taking higher education in Bombay are represented from different towns and in view of vague fears bred by baseless rumours, guardians in mofussil centres feel anxious about their wards. It is also found that many families have been handicapped from leaving in view of impending examinations. The Ahmedabad and Bombay Municipalities have moved wisely in the matter and it is desirable that the Bombay University and also the Indian Women's University should move likewise in the matter. In view of the proximity of the dates of various examinations, it may not be possible to change the dates of written examinations, but the University authorities can well speed up the programme of oral and practical examinations, which in usual course is completed in April. Some examinations are held by the University in April and little inconvenience will be caused if it is arranged to hold these in the third or fourth week of March. It is desirable that all examinations should be finished before the end of March. Let us hope that the authorities will move in the matter before it is too late.—Yours etc

KANTILAL D. KORA.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

The American Navy and Army are preparing to carry the war to the enemy," declared the Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Patterson, in a broadcast on Thursday night addressed to American war workers. "I cannot tell you where" he added. "We will find out about it first."

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Welcoming Churchill's announcement, Sir Shanmukham Chetty says of Sir Stafford Cripps:—"It is well-known that he is probably the greatest friend of India amongst British statesmen."

Isn't Sir Shanmukham ungratefully ignoring his chiefs Mr. Amery and Lord Linlithgow

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It is generally believed in Chungking that Sir Stafford Cripps is the best man to deal with the Indian problem.

He is. But has he the authority to deal with the Indian problem as the best possible man?

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Sir P S. Sivaswami Iyer hopes that Mr. Jinnah "will not adopt so intransigent an attitude as he has taken up during the last few years".

We hope Mr. Jinnah is graciously pleased to condescend to acknowledge the appeal.

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AZAD MUSLIM BOARD TO MEET.
—Headline.

Quite unnecessary. In immediate response to Mr. Churchill's appeal for silence the Rt. Hon. Amery Secretary of State, has already done the needful about the Board.

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An Associated Press message from Delhi informs us that the Persian Government have duly suppressed the rebellion at Khorasan

Which, of course, is untrue.

Since no rebellion was ever reported, none had ever broken out and since there was no rebellion it couldn't be suppressed.

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Speaking of the possible danger to the Indian Ocean, General Smuts declares: "The British fleet will be there."

May we take it as official?

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The Germans have denied the rumour that Soviet forces in the Kerch Peninsula and Sebastopol have joined hands.

Was it so important?

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.

The United States made a great effort last month to deliver the promised arms to the Russians, it is learned, and the Soviet Union is understood to be well-pleased"—Reuter.

Translation of the above: February's deliveries, too, were short of schedule.

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Apropos of the future of the French fleet, Admiral Darlan", it is stated in London, "is proud of the force he has created, and it is doubtful whether he would allow it to fall into German hands".

But isn't that the reason why he should do so? Or has London changed its opinion of the Admirable Darlan?

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"You didn't always think my mother was mean," "When we were courting didn't you come to our house twice a week for supper?"

"Yes, I did", replied his wife "and once I almost got it!"

Two-Fold Proposals For India

WILL CRIPPS AVERT DANGERS AND REALISE HOPES?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
LONDON, Mar. 13.

There has been much speculation over the course adopted by Government. It has been known for some time that the Premier was to have made the India statement earlier. It was freely said that a White Paper for that purpose was being in print. Sir Stafford Cripps also had promised a debate on the basis of the Government decision.

Some say the least Government could have done was to make a frank and open declaration of its intentions regarding India's status without revealing the exact nature of the proposals.

Mr. Churchill's statement is accepted as a complete reversal of previous declarations that Government was unable to make any new proposals until Indians agreed between themselves. It is believed that the Government proposals could be divided into two parts:

Firstly, immediate measure for transference of responsibility;

Secondly, proposals for the establishment of Dominion Status within a stipulated period after the war. It cannot be estimated how long it will take Sir Stafford Cripps to complete his mission, but about five to six weeks may be necessary. He has been given powers to negotiate, but if any major issue of policy should arise it will have to be referred back to the War Cabinet. His Cabinet colleagues have assured him that any recommendations he makes will be more than sympathetically considered.

For reasons of safety his route is being kept a close secret, but there is no doubt that he will fly a greater part of his journey accompanied most probably by Mr. George Strauss. It is believed here that his report will reach the War Cabinet before the end of April and that Prime Minister may be in a position to make a fresh declaration thereon before Sir Stafford Cripps returns.

CRIPPS' OPPORTUNITY

What particular proposals Sir Stafford Cripps carries, Mr. Churchill has not stated—and we make no complaint, says the "Daily Herald". But it is unthinkable that the new policy of the Cabinet is not based on a firm determination to end for ever the old antagonisms and travel a new road of mutual trust.

In Sir Stafford's hands are a great responsibility and a great opportunity. And if the message he has is firmly grounded on complete recognition of equality to-day and to-morrow, his mission may well prove as great a contribution to the cause of freedom as the terrific reply of the Soviet Union to Hitler's attack.

URGENCY IS KEYNOTE

Whether or not Mr. Jinnah's cable to Mr. Churchill stressing the Muslim League's point of view had anything to do with the decision not to make a full public statement at this stage is not known, but it is understood that it was only at the week-end that Sir Stafford Cripps' offer to carry the proposals to India was finally accepted, observes the "News Chronicle's" political correspondent. Members of Parliament regard him as the only man who could undertake such a mission, bristling with difficulties, with any hope of quick success. His knowledge of India and his advice on the problem have been of invaluable assistance to the War Cabinet.

Intimate friends believe that Sir Stafford would not have volunteered for the mission unless he was satisfied that the plans for the future Government of India represented the best possible chance at this time of bringing the Indian peoples together.

Urgency is the keynote of his mission, and Sir Stafford will lose no time in meeting representatives of all classes and shades of opinion. No fixed meeting place has been arranged, but he is prepared to go to any part of India.

PAKISTAN BLAMED

Mr. Jinnah's Pakistan Scheme is blamed by the weekly review "New Statesman and Nation" for prolonging the Indian political deadlock. "The danger now is that any surrender to Mr. Jinnah must throw some Hindus into the Japanese camp", the paper comments. Criticising Mr. Churchill's statement it asks: "Could he not have proposed to set up at once a National Government to lead Indians in the struggle for their own freedom? Could he not have closed down the India Office, a symbol of Dependent Status and placed Indian affairs provisionally in other hands? His instinct for statesmanship has failed him and we are left with the slender hope against all odds and all probabilities that the personality of Sir Stafford Cripps may work the miracle'

THE TASK

The "Spectator" also discussing the possibilities of an Indian settlement writes: "It will be Sir Stafford Cripps' task to avert dangers and realise hopes. If he can do that he will have rendered an incomparable service to the Commonwealth. He can only do it so far as can be seen by rallying from all camps a sufficient body of moderate men who recognise that in this hour of peril for India disunity means certain disaster."

The "Spectator" expresses the hope that the Cabinet has accepted the recent proposals from the group of moderates led by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru.

U. S. Press On Cripps' Mission

NEW YORK, March 13.

"Sir Stafford Cripps' mission may well prove of vital importance in winning the war says "The New York Sun" describing Sir Stafford's task as one of enormous difficulties." It is of tremendous importance for the Allies that a solution should be reached which will encourage India to give full support to the common cause. Bue one obvious way not to do that is to dash off some "happy thought" solution which may conceivably plunge India into Civil War."—Reuter.

FACILITIES FOR CRIPPS

NEW DELHI, March 13.

Lobby interest to-day centred on the question of providing speedy facilities for the consultations which Sir Stafford Cripps will have with representative Indians.

It is suggested that Sir Stafford's task will be greatly helped, if spokesman of different interests were invited to meet him in Delhi. This should not only save him time, but give opportunities to the representatives themselves to take counsel among themselves, when necessary. It is presumed that the Congress and the Muslim League Working Committees will appoint their representatives with full powers to negotiate while other bodies such as the Hindu Mahasabha, the Liberal Federation and Depressed Classes Organisations are also expected to make similar preparations.—A.P.

AUSTRALIAN ROLL OF HONOUR IN MALAYA

MELBOURNE, March 13.

Australian imperial force casualties in the Malayan and Singapore campaigns was far higher than the total casualties, which the A. I. F. suffered in the Middle East Crete, Greece Syrian and Western Desert fighting. Official statement released to-day says the total A. I. F. casualties including prisoners of war in Malaya and Singapore was 1,7031.

The total of A. I. F. casualties in the Middle East was 9,335.

CANBERRA:—Mr. Curtin said that no arrangements have been made to send food to people taken prisoner or interned in Singapore although Australia was prepared to do so.

Members of the Royal Australian Tank Corps have reached Australia. Their ship was bombed soon after leaving Singapore and they just missed a Japanese invasion fleet.—Reuter.

WILL CRIPPS MEET CHIANG-KAI-SHEK?

WARDHAGANJ, March 13.

"What can one say, unless one sees what the proposals are," said Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, ex-Minister of the United Provinces, who passed through Wardhaganj this morning from Hyderabad on his way to Lucknow, referring to Sir Stafford Cripps' visit to India.

"Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek would have been a better choice to bring about a settlement between England and India; and I will not be surprised if a meeting takes place between Sir Stafford Cripps and the Generalissimo in this connection".

"It is in the nature of 'from the frying pan to the fire", was the reply given by the Maharajkumar Sir Vijaya when asked to give his opinion on the impending visit of Sir Stafford Cripps to India.

The Maharajakumar arrived this morning from Madras to meet Mahatma Gandhi and leaves for Nagpur 'en route' to Benares. —United Press.

Satyamurti Confident Of Success For Cripps Mission

MADRAS, March 13.

"Sir Stafford Cripps knows the only remedy to India's political ills and also the only means by which the people of India may be enabled to take their full part in the defeat of the aggressor nation. I say this from his recent public utterances on India" observed Mr. S. Satyamurthi.

Mr. Satyamurthi stated: "If the Prime Minister's statement "I leave to Sir Stafford Cripps the full discharge of his mission." Means that Sir Stafford Cripps has full authority, I am confident that he will do the right thing.

I am equally confident that the leaders of the people of India with very few exceptions will rise equal to the occasion and save India now and for ever."—A. P.

Gen. Motors Strike

NO COMPROMISE ON QUESTION OF VICTIMISATION

The General Secretary, General Motors Workers' Union writes:—

A strike of the workers of General Motors, India, Ltd., has been going on since Monday. In this connection the public ought to know a few facts. Last October the workers were prepared for a strike and it was with difficulty that the Union held them back, after obtaining a promise from the company, that their demands would be considered within 3 months and some of them within 4 months. The gratuity scheme announced in January was nowhere near being acceptable to the workers.

DECISION ON STRIKE

By the end of February, the company was to have informed the Union as to what they had done regarding classification of labour, grades increments, etc. As no reply from the company was received by the first week of March, the workers lost patience and decided on a lightning strike. As the new ordinance regarding strikes was issued only last Saturday, the workers were not aware that their strike was illegal and although the Assistant Commissioner of Labour had gone to the factory to inform the workers of the ordinance, he was unable to contact any influential workers.

The Union has been trying its best since the strike started to bring about some compromise not because the workers were not strong enough to hold out, but because of the illegality of the strike. After lengthy discussions with the Commissioner Labour acting as an intermediwe found that the Company was willing to accept arbitration but was not willing to take back all the workers and wanted to discharge about 25 of the most active Union leaders. The Company was adamant on this point.

WORKERS' POSITION UNDER ORDINANCE

At the general meeting held on Friday morning the Vice-President of the Union explained to the workers their position under the Ordinance and also reported the talks with the Labour Commissioner. The workers were told that the strike was illegal, but that if they went back to work their comrades would be victimized and they were asked to make their own decisions. In the circumstances narrated above, the Union could not successfully persuade the workers to go back to work.

It cannot be overemphasised that the workers are out and are determined to remain out only because of the question of victimization, a question on which no self-respecting worker can be expected to compromise.

CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

"Scorched-Earth" Policy, A Double-Edged Weapon

Govt. Warned Against Adoption Of Russian Strategy In India: "Shake Off Mistrust And Co-operate With People", Appeals League M.L.A.

NEW DELHI, March 13.

In the Legislative Assembly this morning, in a written reply to Sardar Sant Singh's question, the Defence Secretary, Sir Gurunath Bewoor, said:—

The total number of women employed in all the branches of the Defence Department, including General Headquarters, at present was 434, of whom 297 are Europeans, 123 Anglo-Indians and 14 are Indians. They are employed on ministerial duties such as typing, stenography, dealing with files, supervision of sections and cipher duties.

Government have considered that all these duties could be performed by Indian educated young men.

CONCENTRATE ON WAR EFFORT.

An earnest appeal to all parties in the country and in the Assembly to hush all controversy and concentrate on war effort was made by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta in his speech on the Finance Bill to-day.

Appealing to European friends, he asked them to declare now from the 13th day of March that whatever the Government in England might or might not do, they themselves were prepared to live as citizens in this country without privileges or extraneous advantages. Let them declare they were not here as a conquering race and did not believe in exploitation but believed in equality. Let them rise in their seats to-day and make that declaration. (Mr. Joshi: Let us see how many rise.) (Laughter).

Sir Frederick James reciprocated on behalf of the European section observing that "any section believing in complete isolation is living in a fool's paradise." Pointing out that equipment for Civil Defence was woefully short in this country Sir Frederick pleaded for proper distribution of existing resources all over the country.

GHUZNAVI'S CHARGE.

Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi referred to the huge defence expenditure and asked Government what it had done for the defence of India. He said:—"You have left us in the lurch. Goodness alone knows how we are going to defend the country". He asked if India was admitted to the benefits of Lease and Lend facilities why 34 crores of Rupees had been budgeted for cash payments to the United States of America on account of our purchases from them.

Speaking of events in Malaya Sir Abdul Halim referred to the offer made twice by eight lakhs of Indians there to form a volunteer corps.

On both occasions the offer was rejected. Malayans, Javanese Chinese and Eurasians, all had their separate volunteer corps but not Indians. As Chairman of the Evacuation Committee at Calcutta he used to meet, when in Calcutta, every evacuee ship and all evacuees told stories of the preference given to non-Indians to leave Malaya and Singapore and other places, while Indians were left out.

Referring to "the scorched earth" policy he pointed out that even in Russia, where it could be applied because of State-ownership of industries, when Russians re-occupied lost territory they were hampered by their own "scorched earth" policy. He warned Government against the adoption in India of what at best was a double-edged weapon.

FEARS OF COTTON DEALERS

Sir A. H. Gaznavi alluded to the fall in cotton prices in the Bombay market yesterday from Rs. 184 to Rs. 169 for Broach and said that the fall was a result of the fear that cotton would be burnt before the Japanese could come and take it

He, therefore, wanted that in order to allay panic, the Government of India should make a statement declaring once for all whether the "scorched earth" policy was to be introduced in India.

He also criticised the Supply Department, and declared that European officers were appointed for making purchases of foodstuffs and European wool firms encouraged,

as though wheat would be digestible only if bought by a European officer or wool would be warm only if supplied by a British firm. (laughter).

Mr. Govind Deshmukh asserted that all wars originated in the exploitation of one race by another, and until that exploitation ended, it was no use making an appeal to forgive and forget the past. He asked for a declaration of equality of Indians and for equal treatment for them in the colonies.

'MISCONDUCT' OF SOLDIERS

He went on to deal with the alleged misconduct of British soldiers and referred to the resolution passed by the Women's Association in Bombay and by the Bombay Corporation condemning it. He strongly pleaded for greater help to short staple-cotton growers than the two crores that the Special Import Duty was expected to yield.

PART WITH REAL POWER

Mr. Naiman considered that the incidence of taxation was bound to aggravate the hardships of the middle classes Speaking as a Muslim Leaguer, Mr. Nauman maintained that his party's position with regard to war was perfectly sound and understandable. "Trust begets trust and if the British Government shakes off its mistrust of us and extend its hand of co-operation by parting with real power it will not find us wanting."

"Vital Points On Home Front"

Mr. K. C. Neogy mainly dealt with "the vital points of home front." He said that food was the most important link in the "home front" and by quoting figures, he claimed that in India production of food had not kept pace with the growth in population. He said that population in India had increased by 10.6 per cent between 1921 and 1931 and by 15.0 per cent between 1931 and 1941 while yield of wheat and rice during the same period had increased by 1.33 per cent and one per cent respectively. The imports of large quantities of rice and other grains further proved his contention. In short, India's food production was not adequate for her own needs in spite of all the scientific organisations which the Government had set up during the last two decades.

Nearly fifty princes are expected to attend the session which is believed to be a record number in the recent years. The Chancellor Jamsahib arrives here tomorrow morning.—A.P.

High Court

Husbands Can't Treat Wives Like Animals

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen).

Emperor
v.
Narayen Dajl Padaka .....Accused.

The accused had been found guilty by the First Class Magistrate, Panvel, of the offence of voluntarily causing hurt to his wife as well as of wrongful confinement. The trying Magistrate, however, merely bound him over on a bond for Rs. 50 and one surety to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for a period of one year. The Sessions Judge of Thana, therefore, reported this case for the orders of the High Court under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure with a recommendation that a substantive sentence be passed on the accused.

His Lordship the Chief Justice observed that the accused seemed to think that because he had spent a large amount on his wedding celebrations he had bought his wife as he would a dog, and because she used to run away he chained her up in a very cruel manner. His Lordship observed, "husbands are not entitled to treat their wives like animals, even if they wish to run away". Their Lordships, therefore, sentenced the accused to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

Mr. V. M. Bapat appeared for the accused.

The Government Pleader, Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar, appeared for the Crown.

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The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Snooping round the corridors of forbidden offices, Gestapo Agent P.Q. 13 brings news of the names most likely to fill the posts created by the Viceroy's National War Front in our Province. The idea of Government is that the two officers should be an elderly non-official Indian backed up by a young I.C.S. The young I.C.S. that is in contemplation and has been earmarked for the job is Iyengar from the Finance Department. As most I.C.S. men are unknown to the public until their time of retirement, Iyengar's name will be a new name for us. But there is also an elderly non-official Indian who is being canvassed for this appointment. He is Mr. R. P. Masani, the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University. Now, Mr. Masani's ability as Vice-Chancellor of this university is unquestioned by all those who have come in touch with him. A highly cultured man, he has the respect of all those with whom he has come into contact. But until we know what his function is on the War Front and what the function of the Front is, one can hardly pass judgment on the choice. Is it that the War Front is to recruit men for the services or is it a replica of the Home Guards or a Government imitation of the P.V.B.? Is Mr. Masani picked because of his connection with educational institutions or because of his work in the Municipality or his work in the Central Bank? Will he have to think in terms of corpses littering the streets and shrapnel spraying our bodies? However, we have sufficient confidence in the Vice-Chancellor that unless he feels himself equal to it, he will never undertake anything.

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Thank you, Gestapo Agent, that was timely.

If the Director of Information feels he is behind the news, I will be glad, since there is a war on ,to supply him with such news as we usually get before the Department of Information. Our services will,of course, be honorary, but my Gestapo would insist on acknowledging, of course.

Govt. Plan To Purchase Raw Cotton

NEW DELHI, Mar. 12.

A Press 'communique' says that the Government of India have now decided to purchase certain quantities of Indian raw cotton in pursuance of the plan described when the recent ordinance imposing an additional import duty on raw cotton was made.

It is proposed to concentrate attention in the first instance on purchases in selected rural areas, preferably in the form of unginned cotton. Detailed arrangements are now being made.—A. P.

PROF. RANGA RELEASED

VELLORE, March 12.

Mr. N. G. Ranga, M.L.A. (Central) was released unconditionally last evening from Vellore Central Jail where he had been detained without trial since February 11 1941.—A. P.

Picture Producers' Critical Plight

Kanta Kumari in 'Paisa' at Novelty

Films Popular For Weeks

Singing Surendra At Swastik

National Studios' 'Garib" is proving more and more popular at Swastik Talkies. Surendra, the singing idol of millions, plays the stellar role opposite Rose. Surendra as a young University man, out of job, sings his way to the heart of a millionaire's daughter, who prevails upon her father to open a factory in order to provide relief for the unemployed.

"Garib" carrying a social philosophy, is also noted for music and good acting. Surendra and Rose are supported by a powerful cast and the picture is directed by Ramchandra Thakur.

"Bharat-Milap" At Majestic

Prakash Pictures have made a glorious picture in "Bharat-Milap". Both its Hindi and Marathi versions have proved quite popular not only at Majestic, but wherever it is released.

Director Vijay Bhatt was entertained to tea at Regal Talkies, Ahmedabad, on his great achievement. Mr. Kanu Desai was also present. Their fine work is being appreciated everywhere.

Music In 'Doctor' Catches

One of the reasons why "Doctor" has kept up its popularity at West-End, despite the coming of new and newer pictures after its release is its charming music.

Pankaj Mullick, who not only sings but also acts well in the picture, is well-known as a musician. Unbeatable for his glorious songs like 'Piya Milanko Jana,' 'Babu, Kon Desh Hai Jana' and many others his reputation is great.

He stands by this reputation in "Doctor" as much as he does every week from the All-India Radio, Calcutta Station.

"Raja-Rani" At Central

This Atre picture which discusses the pros and cons of the joint family system in a very human way has been very well received in Girgaum area even though it is only in Hindustani.

Mazharkhan, Trilok Kapoor, Vanmala, Sunalini Devi, Maya Devi and others have put over attractively life-like performances.

"Beti" At Opera House

Ranjit's entertaining picture "Beti" enters into 6th week at Opera House from this Saturday. "Beti" is directed by Jayant Desai, who has made it very lively.

"Beti" unfolds the adventures of a girl, who is born with a silver spoon in her mouth, but prefers to lead a juggler's life. "Beti" features Khurshid, Vasanti and Aroon. A special ladies' show is arranged on Monday at 12-15 p.m.

"Shadi" Popular At Chitra

Ranjit's popular picture "Shadi" now goes in its 12th week. Motilal, Madhuri, Ishwarlal and Khurshid have proved great attractions in Dadar.

RAI BAHADUR CHUNI LALL'S WARNING

(BY T. V. P.)

Even a casual few minutes with Rai Bahadur Chuni Lall will add something new to your knowledge about films. Half a minute in the lift and another hardly ten minutes in his office across his desk, supplied me what I might call important and exclusive news.

The Rai Bahadur had returned from Northern India the day before. He was legitimately pleased with the strides his picture "Jhoola" is making in Northern India. He gave me box-office figures. In Delhi "Jhoola" made over Rs. 13,000 in the first week. in Lahore Rs. 12,000 in spite of bitingly cold nights. In Lucknow it was Rs. 5,555 nett, while even the best of films could hardly hope for more than Rs. 3,500. In Bombay, Karachi, Poona and other places, too, the picture continued to do record business.

Yet there was a noticeable undercurrent of anxiety behind the Rai Bahadur's exultant pleasure and beaming countenance. What was it due to?

I asked in a casual manner, "What about raw film supply during these difficult days?" And it appears I hit the bull's eye.

"That is what is worrying me now, not only on account of Bombay Talkies, but the whole film industry. The imports have not been ample of late, but we did not have much discomfort so far. A new factor has now come into operation. The Defence Department is requisitioning all stock of positive films. Recently they took six million feet of positive film, which was about all the stock available in the industry. That gave us something of a shock; but we consoled ourselves with the hope that fresh stocks would soon arrive."

General Manager of the Bombay Talkies, President of the Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association, Vice-President of the Motion Picture Society, Rai Bahadur surely knew what he was speaking about. He proceeded: "Now, the Army has again requisitioned all forward supplies as well, and we do not know what is going to happen to the film industry. No one can say what quantity will be imported and what the industry will be able to get—if it does get anything at all."

"Surely, you are not suggesting that the entire film production industry has to close its doors in the near future?" I asked.

"Well," was the reply, "I hope not. Sir Rahimtoolah Chinoy and I went to Delhi and placed the impending plight of our industry before the Commerce Member and the Commerce Secretary, and we have been assured of sympathetic consideration. That is all I can say for the moment."

That is all Rai Bahadur Chuni Lall did say, but it is enough to give an anxious time to 15,000 people directly employed in the Film Industry and hundreds of others indirectly depending upon it.

FILMS PRODUCED BY AMATEURS

Through the good office of Messrs Ahmed Abbas and K. S. Hirlekar, Cine journalists of Bombay were given an opportunity to see some very good work by ameteur producers. Mr. Hirlekar who took a few shots of some Congress gatherings and Chiang-Kai Shek were quite good and his commentary, as we saw his work was livelier still, sending the select audience into repeated laughter.

Another good piece was a cartoon called 'Tees-mar-khan' by Mr. Aziz. This cartoon by an amateur would do credit to any expert and experienced film producer. Similar promise was shown by Mr. Chandra Shekhar, who produced a two-reeled film, that had good acting, fine photography all outdoors, and intelligent cutting as its characteristics. The last page of the Sunday edition of the "Chronicle" for February 15, 1942 has already spoken a good deal about this film.

None of these films has found a distributor, not even Mr. Hirlekar's news-reels about the leaders' gathering and journalists' conference!

"Jhoola" Breaks Records

"Jhoola" has impressed Northern India as much as it has done Bombay, Poona and other stations as will be seen from the next column in Rai Bahadur Chuni Lall's interview.

In Bombay "Jhoola" is quite prosperous at Roxy and easily set for its silver jubilee.

"Jungle Princess" At Super

Before they go out of Bombay, rather early this year during their vacation on account of the war situation, school children are bound to insist on seeing this Wadia thriller which combines the merits of a film and a circus.

'Ujala' At Lamington

Naseem and Prithwiraj together in "Ujala" make an impressive team. It is a story full of romance between the two and now in its third popular week at Lamington Talkies.

Shanta Apte in 'Apna Ghar' at Krishna

Idealism In "Apna Ghar"

Shanta Apte's Fine Characterisation

By 'CHRONICLE' FILM CRITIC

"Apna Ghar" is a story of an idealist girl. Should one's own four walls be one's home or the wide world, the suffering humanity around? Is there a necessary conflict between these two?

These questions are raised and answered in "Apna Ghar" Circo's current production at Krishna Talkies, in which Shanta Apte is cast as the idealist girl and Chandramohan as her obdurate, obstinate, self-centred husband.

Much against her will and more to make her dying father happy than from any urge from within Mira marries Narendra. He wants to monopolise her and she wants to continue her good work among the villagers of her husband's zemindari. These two outlooks came in sharp conflict and one day, Narendra ordered Mira out of her house, even though he had a baby she was still nursing.

It is the baby's illness that makes Narendra feel the need of the mother, if the baby's life was to be spent. She was traced in a fisherman's hut and that fisherman's advice induces Mira to repair to her home and nurse her baby back to health, the husband has by this time completely transformed and makes all allowances for the wife's mission of service of humanity.

This story affords ample scope for the histrionic and musical talents of Shanta Apte and the superb acting of Chandra Mohan. Jagdesh has not full scope in the picture but whatever he has done is worthy of him.

The story, the scenerio and direction is by Devaki Bose and this is no small measure due to the popularity of the picture. It is being shown in both Hindustani and Marathi versions.

'Taj Mahal' Received Enthusiastically

Taj Mahal of Mohan pictures which was released last Saturday has been received very well by Bombay Cinefans. It is a biographical of Shah Jehan, not historically accurate in details but generally dealing fairly with his character and relations with Mumtaj Mahal. A very well acted and equally well technically produced picture, it is assured of a good run at Minerva.

Jairaj and Snehaprabha in 'Khilauna' coming shortly, to Opera House and Shamim and Sharifa in 'Pyas' running at Imperial.

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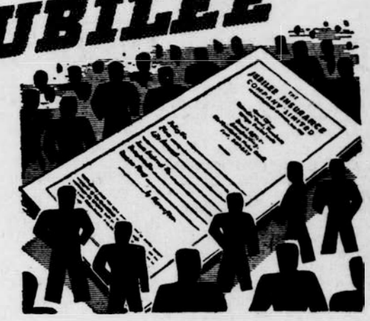

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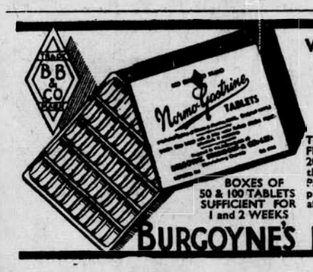

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BANG!
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OH, I DIDN'T WANNA TAKE A CHANCE OF MISSIN' THE LAST ONE WITH MY GLASS EYE!

Suspend Judgment On Malaya, Pleads Wavell

(Continued from page 1)

try's towns and cities against air attack. Firstly, guns and aeroplanes, secondly A.R.P. arrangements, and thirdly the spirit and morale of the people. Of the three, the last is most important.

JAPAN MUST FEEL SHE IS DOOMED.

"That is the outline of the military picture at the moment. And in conclusion, I would just remind you that when the military position looks serious and difficult, the best tonic is to consider the difficulties of the enemy. There is no possible doubt of the difficulties and dangers under which Japan is suffering. She is operating on quite an enormous front and at a considerable distance from home, while she has always to consider close to her home bases the danger from Manchuria, with the Russian position there like a pistol pointed at the heart of her home country. Her supplies of essential materials of war are limited and her manufacturing capacity to replace aircraft, of which she has already lost considerable numbers, are comparatively small; certainly very small compared to the resources of her enemies. Around her are mighty nations whom she must face, including almost the greater part of the inhabitants of the world.

In spite of all her successes she must feel she is doomed if we are steadfast and hold together".

MORE SERIOUS THAN SINGAPORE.

Discussing the battle of Burma Gen. Wavell observed:

"The loss of Rangoon and a large part of Lower Burma is in some respects, a more serious blow than the loss of Singapore.

It brings war much closer to India and threatens our communications with our Chinese ally.

About Burma much the same story applies as in Malaya. We were not sufficiently prepared: reinforcements arrived too late and in the same way they were not sufficiently trained.

A glance at the map will show you the strategical difficulties which we had to face in trying to defend Rangoon against attack from Thailand and Tenasserim. It meant we had to fight on a front parallel to our communications and every student of war knows what disadvantages that entails. There was great lack of depth between our eastern front and Rangoon. This was also a serious handicap. But again there were undoubtedly mistakes committed—I don't say that they were not made—both in our preparations and actual fighting.

Our enemy undoubtedly surprised us by the swiftness of his advance and skill in warfare in thick country to which a great part of our troops were unaccustomed. Here again our troops in spite of depressing circumstances, fought with the greatest steadiness and gallantry.

Next Jap Move

"Needless to say, we shall continue to fight the enemy in Burma to the utmost of our resources. We are making every effort to open up fresh lines of communication to compensate for the loss of Rangoon. We have little means of judging to what extent the Japanese propose to exploit their successes by further advance. They have a wide choice of objectives ranging from Hawaii, Australia, Manchuria Burma, China, India and Ceylon.

Whatever else they do, I think there is little doubt that they will endeavour to push their advance into Upper Burma to cut the link with China and obtain bases from which India may be attacked or threatened. That is the immediate danger that we have to meet.

Will Japan Attack Russia?

Questioned about the possibility of Japan attacking Russia, Gen. Wavell said that it was one of the possibilities. From the Japanese point of view, Russia was a danger close to her home, which she might, if she thought herself strong enough, decide to remove at once But there was also the danger from Japan's standpoint of air attacks from Russia, if she stirred up that country. As long as she kept Russia quiet, she would be comparatively safe from this form of attack.

"The Japanese will not attack Russia unless they felt thoroughly certain of a quick and easy success."

As for Russia herself, he personally thought, as long as she was engaged in her struggle against Germany , she would not move against Japan unless she was actually attacked or thought she was going to be attacked.

POST-MORTEM DOES NO GOOD.

Referring to Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, Gen. Wavell said:—

"I don't think this is the place to go into the details of the reasons why we failed to hold Malaya or Singapore far longer, or why we did not succeed in establishing sufficient land and air troops in the Dutch East Indies to hold them. I would ask you to suspend judgment in these matters until the full story is available. It is not of any great value to hold a "post-mortem" on these operations.

"I can assure you that the authorities are fully alive to the reasons and are taking to heart the causes and lessons of these failures, and are doing their best to remedy them.

"Briefly, we were not ready for a war in the Far East. We could have only made ourselves ready by taking forces from places, which were more immediately threatened, like the Middle East Command and Great Britain itself or by withholding from Russia those supplies which have enabled her to stage her great recovery.

"That is not said in any way to try to cover up undoubted mistakes made in preparation, training and handling of our forces in the Far East that were available. And our enemy on the other hand had made the most detailed preparations in every respect and left nothing to chance and made full use of the initial success which he had achieved by some treacherous methods.

LOSSES HEAVY.

"But undoubtedly from the Dutch East Indies we did strike the enemy some heavy blows on sea, in the land and in the air and caused him some heavy losses though, of course, our own losses were heavier.

"And no one regrets more deeply than I do the loss of so many good Indian troops in Malaya and Singapore. They had to fight under the most difficult and depressing conditions of climate and topography and under the strain of continuous retreat, with the enemy superior both in the air and sea. And in these conditions they acquitted themselves right well and when the full story of that long retreat down the Malayan peninsula comes to be told there will be many stories of gallantry under difficulties.

WANT OF TRAINING.

"Circumstances unfortunately compelled us in the move of saving Malaya to put in the field troops which, we realised, were not as fully trained as we should have wished and with little or no training in the particular form of warfare in the thick jungles: and the reinforcements which we had available . . . which we made available were being trained for entirely different kind of warfare in the Western Desert. Obviously in the time available, we were not able to train them for every kind of warfare, and when the urgent call for reinforcements was made, they were the only troops available and we naturally had not time to train them for another kind of warfare.

Azad Muslim Federation More Representative Than League

Amery's Reply To Commons Question, More Misleading Than It Appears To Be, Says Dr. Shaukatullah Ansari

NEW DELHI, March 13.

The following statement has been issued by Dr. Shaukatullah Ansari, Secretary of the All-India Independent Muslim Parties' conference.

The cabled report of Mr. Amery's reply to Messrs. Sorenson and Silverman, M.P.'s, Relating to the Independent Muslim Parties' Federation commonly known as the All-India Azad Muslim Conference is more misleading than it appears to be. It is true that some of the constituent organisations of the Azad Federation have in the past, been associated with the Congress, but they were similarly associated with the Muslim League until a few years ago. They were equally closely associated with the All-India Muslim Conference, which once threatened to absorb the League. The Azad Muslims' Federation was started in 1940 just as the All-India Muslim Conference was started in 1929 to distinguish the bulk of the Indian Muslims from the attenuated league of those days.

GENESIS OF THE AZAD MUSLIM CONFERENCE

In 1929, the League had ceased to attract a majority of Indian Muslims. In 1940, it was felt by nine leading Muslim organisations that the League had become sectional and, therefore, they met and decided to form a Federation which the League was also invited to send its representatives. The League, however, choose to hold aloof. It is a well-known fact that while the main bulk of the N. W.F.P. and Sind Muslims do not agree with the League's new politics, a majority of the Bengal, and Punjab Muslims are far from endorsing unquestioningly what passes as the political opinion of those whom the League is believed to represent. It is true that the League voices the political opinion of a considerable body of Indian Muslims even today But the Azad Muslims' Federation claims to voice the political and religious opinion of a more considerable body of Muslims.

It is a little strange that, despite the British Premier and every body elses' appeal for eschewing controversies, the Secretary of State has deemed it desirable to express categorical opinions which cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged.—A. P.

MOMINS' TELEGRAM TO AMERY

BOMBAY; March 13.

Mr. A. Sayeed, the ex-General Secretary, All-India Momin Conference, has sent the following cable to the Secretary of State for India, London: "Pray correct your statement President Zahiruddin gave correct No. of Momins, comprising weavers only. Deccan Momins alone number over 5 millions in thousands of villages and towns."—A.P.

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(From Our Correspondent)

Small stakes are offered in the usual nine events framed for the meeting which is awaiting decision at Mahalaxmi, to-day.

In the Dawoodbhoy Nensey Plate, Sunny Dan is likely to score from Red Flower and Ishtay.

Ayesha, a recent winner, is expected to add another success to her side in the Phoenix Park Plate Div. I.

Gay Spaniard, the champion Indian-bred has an outstanding chance in the Lingfield Park Plate.

The following are my selections:

1st Race:
CHANDRAJEET 1
METRO 2
NALINI II F

2nd Race:
SHAMSHER JUNG 1
SAGIR DAHMAN 2
SAHRAN F.

3rd Race:
RIGHT BET 1
HOLLY GARTH 2
MASQUE F

4th Race:
KIRIT 1
SPOTLIGHT 2
TALK F.

5th Race:
ROSE OF BARODA 1
DRY SHERRY 2
KUNIGAL F.

6th Race
SUNNY DAN 1
RED FLOWER 2
ISHTAY F.

7th Race:
AYESHA 1
NUIT-DE-NOEL 2
APSAPI F.

8th Race:
GAY SPANIARD 1
FLOWER OF INDIA 2
GLORY OF KOLHAPUR F.

9th Race:
TIGER KING 1
BON AMIS 2
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POONA CROWDED WITH EVACUEES FROM BOMBAY

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, March 12.

The city of Poona, especially the railway station, motorstands and the surrounding hotels and Dharmashalas are crowded oy the evacuees from Bombay Every regular and special train that comes from Bombay brings at least more than a thousand persons men, women and children with their bags and baggages; most of them are mill-workers from the Deccan districts.

Evacuees from Bombay do not venture to stay here, but as soon as they get a Southern Maratha Railway train or a motor bus they start for their villages.

There is no move among Poona-people still to leave the City. But it is believed that evacuation will also take place in Poona after school and college examinations are over.

The Municipal School Board have decided to have the examinations completed before 31st March.

MOORE ON MUSLIM LEAGUE'S 'REVOLT'

CALCUTTA, March 11.

Mr. Arthur Moore speaking at a meeting addressed by Sir B. P. Singh Roy on "Sapru Scheme" asked his audience not to be alarmed about the Muslim League. He observed: "Mr. Jinnah like the rest of you has stood for a party. But from my own knowledge of him I am prepared to answer for Mr. Jinnah that he is a true patriot. The League has talked about a revolt even with the enemy at the gates.

But the Raja of Mahmudabad, speaking I do not doubt in the name of the Working Committee, has publicly disclaimed the accepted meaning of that word.

He has told us that it means no more than the registering of a political party protest and nothing sensational or unusual.

I see that the word is still used in telegram to Mr. Churchill. I hope Mr. Churchill has been informed that it is only used in this mild sense, and that no unpatriotic action is threatened in the direct hours of peril. No one need tell me that Mr. Jinnah or here in Bengal Sir Nazimuddin, whom we know and respect as a very honest man, is going to play the traitor to his country. Very soon you will see that I am right.—A. P.

NEW WORLD ORDER

Krishnamurti On Jawahar's Conception

"The New Order must be based on a recognition of political and economic freedom of all nations subject only to world adjustments mutually agreed upon for common good. Every form of domination or exploitation by one people or another should be eliminated. Full racial equality must be recognised. International and national planning of production, transport, distribution raising material and cultural world standards, especially of economically backward nations are necessary. Production should be for consumption and not for profit. Private monopolies and special privileges must be ended" says Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a message sent to Mr. Y G. Krishnamurti, who delivered a lecture on "Jawaharlal Nehru's conception of a New World Order" under the auspices of the Progressive Group at Green's on Tuesday evening.

Mr. R. K. Karanjia was in the chair.

Zafrullah Won't Get It?

KARACHI, March 12.

It is learnt that the Government of Sind have suspended their orders disposing off a parcel of land to Sir Mohomed Zafrullah Khan, a Judge of the Federal Court and Mu Allahadad Khan, a member of the Sind Assembly, in the Umar Kote Taluka, in Thar Parkar District, at the rate of Rs. 65 per acre.

It appears that following the above deal, representations were made to the Government by certain local zamindars that they were prepared to buy over this land at Rs. 80 per acre.

Subsequently, Prof. Ghansham Jetharand, M.L.A. (Congress) took up the question with the Government who have now informed that the previous orders have been suspended and that the Government were reconsidering the matter.—United Press.

PATNA, March 12.

The Bihar branch of the Red Cross Society will shortly undertake a scheme to establish "blood bank" in the Prince of Wales Medical College Patna.—A. P.

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GRADUATED SURCHARGE

How Tax Acts As "Salary Cut"

A new feature of the taxation proposals for 1942-43 relates to the Central surcharge on incomes exceeding Rs. 2,000. While the present method of levy is by the application of a flat percentage surcharge on the basic rate of income-tax and super-tax throughout the whole range of income, the new method is based on the slab principle which now governs the levy of the basic income-tax. The income-tax surcharge which has been proposed in the Finance Bill runs from 6 pies in the rupee on the slab of taxable income between Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 5,000, to 9 pies in the rupee on the next Rs. 5,000, 1 anna 2 pies in the rupee on the next Rs. 5,000, and 1 anna 3 pies in the rupee on the balance of total income.

GRADUAL RISE OF RATE

In the proposed system, there is a gradual rise in the average rate. The total incidence (surcharge plus income-tax) rises gradually and proceeds in a fairly even progression from less than 2 per cent at one end of the scale to 85 per cent on an income of Rs 30 lakhs a year. The whole arrangement is based on the principle of ability to pay.

FUNDING THE TAX

The rates of surcharge on the first slabs of taxable income are somewhat higher than 50 per cent. But there is a provision which mitigates their incidence in the case of incomes not exceeding Rs. 6,000. By this provision a portion of the tax equal to a half per cent of the assessee's total income will be funded for his benefit and repaid to him at the end of the war.

INCIDENCE ON SMALL INCOMES

As a result, the total incidence, after allowing for maximum exemption in respect of insurance, Provident Fund or family provision and amount funded for assessee's benefit, becomes considerably reduced for this class of tax-payers. It rises from 1.5 per cent in the case of those with an income of Rs 2,150 a year to 5.1 per cent in the case of those with an income of Rs. 6,000 a year. The amount to be funded for the assessee's benefit rises from Rs. 11 at the one end to Rs. 30 at the other. The gross tax rises from Rs 50/13 to Rs. 398/7; but the net tax to be paid, after allowing for the maximum exemption in respect of insurance, etc., and amount funded, is reduced to Rs 33/5 at the one end to Rs 307/1 at the other.

The graduated nature of the tax is well brought out in the accompanying table, which shows the tax payable as a percentage of income in selected cases.

TAX INCIDENCE AS "SALARY CUT"

The higher incidence of taxation in the case of higher incomes practically operates as an appreciable "salary cut" in respect of fixed income earning classes. Thus, a person getting a salary of Rs. 12,000 per annum the incidence of taxation is 10.8 per cent of total income before allowance is made for maximum exemption in respect of insurance, etc, and 9 per cent after such is made. With a salary of Rs 21,000, the percentages are respectively 15.7 and 13.5. In the case of those liable to super-tax also, the percentages are considerably higher. Thus a person with a salary of Rs. 30,000 a year pays as gross tax 19.6 per cent of his income without allowing for the exemptions mentioned above and 17 per cent after allowing. With a salary of Rs. 40,000 the percentages are 24 and 2 respectively.

The following statement shows the tax payable as a percentage of income in selected cases under the proposed rates of income-tax and super-tax and surcharges.

Income	Gross tax	Amount to be funded	Tax less amount, if any, funded for assessee's benefit	Percentage of total income	Tax less maximum exemption in respect of insurance, Provident Fund, or Family provision, and amount, if any, funded for assessee's benefit.	Percentage of total income.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rs.	Rs. A.	Rs.	Rs. A.		Rs. A.	
2,150	50 13	11	39 13	1.9	33 5	1.5
2,500	78 2	13	65 2	2.6	55 5	2.2
3,000	117 8	15	102 3	3.4	84 11	2.8
3,500	156 4	18	138 4	3.9	115 3	3.3
4,000	195 5	20	175 5	4.4	145 12	3.6
4,500	234 6	23	211 6	4.7	176 5	3.9
5,000	273 7	25	248 7	5.0	206 14	4.1
5,500	335 15	28	307 15	5.6	256 15	4.7
6,000	398 7	30	368 7	6.1	307 1	5.1
6,500	.....	...	460 15	7.7	384 2	5.9
7,000	.....	...	523 7	7.5	436 3	6.2
7,500	.....	...	585 15	7.8	488 5	6.5
8,000	.....	...	648 7	8.1	540 6	6.8
9,000	.....	...	773 0	8.6	644.9	7.2
10,000	.....	...	898 7	9.0	748 11	7.5
11,000	.....	...	1,096 7	10.0	913 0	8.3
12,000	.....	...	1,294 0	10.8	1,078 0	9.0
13,000	.....	...	1,492 0	11.5	1,243 0	9.6
14,000	.....	...	1,690 0	12.1	1,408 9	10.1
15,000	.....	...	1,888 0	12.6	1,574 0	10.5
18,000	.....	...	2,591 0	14.4	2,159 0	12.0
21,000	.....	...	3,294 0	15.7	2,745 0	13.1
24,000	.....	...	3,997 0	16.7	3,331 0	13.9
27,000	.....	...	4,887 0	18.1	4,105 0	15.2
30,000	.....	...	5,872 0	19.6	4,972 0	16.6
33,000	.....	...	6,857 0	20.8	5,839 0	17.7
36,000	.....	...	7,935 0	22.0	6,800 0	18.9
40,000	.....	...	9,622 0	24.0	8,460 0	21.1
50,000	.....	...	13,841 0	27.7	12,630 0	25.3
60,000	.....	...	18,529 0	30.9	17,285 0	28.8
70,000	.....	...	23,685 0	33.8	22,418 0	32.0
80,000	.....	...	28,841 0	36.0	27,557 0	34.4
90,000	.....	...	33,997 0	37.8	32,700 0	36.3
1,00,000	.....	...	39,154 0	39.2	37,846 0	37.8
1,50,000	.....	...	67,279 0	44.9	65,998 0	44.0
2,00,000	.....	...	97,747 0	48.9	96,390 0	48.2
3,00,000	.....	...	1,68,060 0	56.0	1,66,686 0	55.5
4,00,000	.....	...	2,43,060 0	60.8	2,41,678 0	60.4
5,00,000	.....	...	3,22,747 0	64.5	3,21,360 0	64.3
10,00,000	.....	...	7,68,060 0	76.8	7,66,664 0	76.7
20,00,000	.....	...	16,58,685 0	82.9	16,57,284 0	82.8
30,00,000	.....	...	25,49,310 0	85.0	25,47,907 0	84.9

Technical Education Scholarships

(From the Director of Information, Bombay)

Fifteen sets of scholarships, in place of the ten announced last year, have been sanctioned by the Bombay Government for the encouragement of technical education among Backward Classes. They will be given to students undergoing training in technical subjects.

Ten sets will be given for a three years' course: the first year at Rs. 4 a month, the second year at Rs. 5 a month and third year at Rs. 7 a month.

Five more sets will be given for courses ranging from six months to two years. For the six months' course the student will receive Rs. 5 a month, for the one year course Rs. 5 a month, and for the first year of the two-years' course Rs. 4 a month and for the second year Rs. 5 a month.

Of the 10 sets of scholarships provided for the three years course, three will be reserved for students of the Scheduled Classes, the remaining seven being given to students of other Backward Classes. One of the three scholarships reserved for the Scheduled Class students will be set apart for a candidate selected from among the Scheduled Class students in the Depressed Class Hostel at Sholapur who may be attending the Victoria Jubilee Municipal Technical School there.

Rao Saheb B. V. Dalal has been appointed Assistant A.R.P. Controller (Schools and Training) for Ahmedabad.

The local fee for Cambridge Local Examinations has been increased by the Government of Bombay from Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 1/2 a candidate.

The revised fee takes effect from December next.

An amendment to the Bombay Town Planning Act, 1915, issued by the Government of Bombay has been published in the 'Bombay Government Gazette' of March 10.

This measure empowers the Administrator of a superseded or dissolved Municipality to perform all the duties of local authority under the Act during the period of supersession or dissolution of the Municipality.

MADRAS GOVERNOR CANCELS TOUR

MADRAS, March 13.

Owing to pressure of work at Headquarters, H.E. the Governor has decided to abandon his proposed tour in the Tanjore and Madura Districts. —A. P.

Contraception And Corporation

Mr. G. D. Kulkarni, Secretary, Birth Control League, Poona, writes:—

The Bombay Corporation will discuss birth control this week. May I draw its attention to the following facts?

From the vital statistics of 101 cities of the world, recorded at page 196 of the "Whitaker's Almanack" for 1941, we find that the city of Bombay has the highest infantile mortality of 247 per 1000 births and the greatest general death-rate with the exception of Calcutta and Cairo.

To remedy such a horrible state of public health, Herculean efforts are required. Science has now proved that an all-round good nutrition is essential for securing immunity from a number of diseases. The birth of too many children in famished families in an overcrowded city like Bombay must lower the state of nutrition and the condition of sanitation of the citizens. Does it not stand to reason, therefore, that modern contraception, which enables parents to limit their families according to their means, must be considered to be the highest boon on society?

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Setback In Bullion Prices During Week-End

Restricted Business In Govt. Securities: Listless Trading In Share Market

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, March 13.

MONEY

There was little change in the short-term money market during the period under review as compared to the previous week. Inter-bank call money was quoted at 1/2 per cent and three to six months money around 1-1/4 per cent. There was a further rise in the discount rate of the Government of India Treasury bills which went up from Rs. 1-0-11 per cent to Rs. 1-1-11 per cent per annum. Three months Intermediates sold during the week amounted to Rs. 19.50 lacs.

A further increase of Rs. 10.04 crores in the active Note circulation in India is revealed by the weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India compiled upto 6th March, 1942. The Bank's holding of Rupee coins has further fallen by Rs. 74.63 lacs to Rs. 28.63 crores. Sterling securities show a phenomenal fall of Rs. 79.77 crores, while the Government of India Rupee securities show a rise of Rs. 89.77 crores. The above extraordinary changes can be traced to the recent announcement of repatriation of 3 per cent and 2 1/2 per cent Sterling Loans and given effect to in last February. Payments in this connection have been made in the first week of March. The fall in Sterling securities represents the redemption of the above sterling loans with a corresponding creation of rupee securities. The Issue Department of the Bank has raised Rs. 95 1/2 crores worth of Treasury Bills, of which Rs. 80 crores have been offset against redemption and Rs. 10 crores against additional note issue which now stands at Rs. 398.17 crores.

In the Banking department, Government deposits show an increase of Rs. 449.48 lacs and Bankers' deposits have gone up by Rs. 206.96 lacs. Balances held abroad register a rise of Rs. 21.66 crores, while Government's borrowings under 'ways and means' are down by Rs. 14 1/2 crores to Rs. 5.90 crores.

Inperial Bank Statement.

GILT-EDGED

The market in gilt-edged securities has been restricted and trading has been confined to a few selected medium term bonds. Long dated loans were neglected and quotations for the most part were nominal at the minimum fixed prices. 3 1/2 per cent Rupee Paper stood around Rs. 87-2 and 5 per cent 1945-55 Loan was quoted around Rs. 104-8 throughout, and moderate turnover was reported. 3 per cent 1946 Defence Bonds were unchanged at Rs. 97-4 and 3 per cent 1949-52 loan at Rs. 95. All other scrips were quoted at last week's levels. 3 per cent 1951-54 and 3 per cent 1963-6 Loans were unchanged throughout at Rs. 94 and Rs. 88-8 respectively. 3 1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan was quoted at Rs. 97-4. 4 per cent 1943 Loan closed at Rs. 102-2 and 4 per cent 1960/70 Loan at Rs. 103. 4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 loan showed no change at Rs. 107-8 Treasury Bill Communique.

EXCHANGE

There were no fresh features to report in the rupee-sterling exchange market during the week under review. For Interbank business, sellers of spot T. T. quoted 1s. 5-63/64d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Bank's Association remained unchanged as under:

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In the New York market sterling remained pegged at 403.75 cents throughout the week.

GOLD:—The gold market continued to be very firm and new highs were reached during the week under review. Opening at Rs. 52-10 the price of ready gold soared up by stages to Rs. 57-12 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 57. April settlement was quoted at a discount of Re. 1 under spot rate. The price of sovereigns improved from Rs. 39-5 to Rs. 41-0 at the close. Floating stocks of gold are estimated at about 100,000 tolas, arrivals from upcountry are said to be about 10,000 tolas whilst the average daily offtake is put at about 10,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 57-12 and Rs. 52-10 for spot, Rs. 55 and Rs. 52-8 for March settlement and Rs. 56-12 and Rs. 53-3 for April settlement.

SILVER:—Rates unknown for the past several years were touched in the silver market during the week under review. From Rs. 82-7 quoted at the opening, spot silver shot up to Rs. 96-8 on Thursday. Towards the close there was a slight reaction as dealers were inclined to realise their profits and the rate declined to Rs. 87, but closed at Rs. 91-12. The special source is alleged to have sold fine silver in small lots for ready delivery. The quotation for standard silver stood at about one rupee over April settlement, which was quoted at a discount varying between Rs. 5 and 7 under ready silver of 999 fineness during the week. In London both cash and forward silver remained fixed at 23 1/2d throughout the week. Floating stocks of silver in the market are estimated to be between 8,000 to 10,000 bars including cut coins. The highest and lowest rates were Rs. 96-8 and Rs. 82-7 for spot. Rs. 83 an Rs 74-7 for March settlement and Rs. 91 and Rs. 79-12 for April settlement.

SHARES:—The forward section of the local stock exchange ruled dull and inactive, whilst trading in the cash section was very much restricted. At the close, however, a slightly steadier feeling was in evidence in the cash section. Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds were nominally quoted at Rs. 1,525 and Ordinaries at Rs throughout the week. In the textile bloc, Bombay Dyeings were pegged at Rs. 1,100, Centuries at Rs. 350 and Central Indias at Rs. 330, whilst Kohinoors were quoted ex-dividend at Rs. 318. New Greats and Swadeshis were both static at Rs 360 and Rs. 355 respectively. Among Bank and Utility shares, Central Banks were maintained around Rs 36-8, whilst Reserve Banks declined from Rs. 92 to Rs 88-8 and Bank of Indias from Rs. 121-8 to as low as Rs. 115 Imperial Bank Fully Paids were somewhat better at Rs. 1,380, but Partly Paids were quoted down to Rs 322-8. Andhra Valleys were unchanged at Rs. 1,440 and Bombay Trams at Rs. 124 whilst Tata Hydros ruled firm at Rs 155 and Tata Powers at Rs. 1,280 In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements were quoted around Rs. 150 and Belapurs at Rs. 218 whilst Scindia Steams and New Indias remained in the vicinity of Rs. 17-4 and Rs 39-12 respectively.

CALCUTTA:—Trading in the jute section of the Calcutta market was virtually at a standstill with little or no investment demand in evidence. There was no perceptible change in the quotations.

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Uproar In Bengal Assembly

FINANCE MINISTER'S CHARGE AGAINST NAZIMUDDIN REGIME

CALCUTTA, March 13

The debate on the budget demand in connection with general administration in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day came to an abrupt end amidst uproarious scenes.

Speaking on a cut motion moved on behalf of the Muslim League, Sir Nazimuddin, Ex-Home Minister and leader of the Party said that the present Government was guilty of the 'unpardonable' offence of taking action against those who were engaged in purely Parliamentary activities and they were using the Defence of India Rules for the purpose of stifling criticism and opposition to Government.

CHARGE AGAINST NAZIMUDDIN

Participating in the debate in its closing stage, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Finance Minister, severely criticised the administration of the Defence of India Rules during the period when Sir Nazimuddin was in charge of the Home Department and remarked that it did not now lie in the mouth of Sir Nazimuddin to come forward and criticise the policy which he had initiated. The present Government was trying to effect a change in that policy, but it would take some time.

The Finance Minister further alleged that although a suggestion came from the Government of India during the period when Sir Nazimuddin was in charge of the Home Department that the cases of Security Prisoners would be enquired into in a manner which would allay public suspicion and resentment, the delay in giving effect to that was due to the 'deliberate' policy pursued by the Ex-Home Minister, whose advice was that the Government of Bengal should approach the Government of India with a request that this policy should not be applied in Bengal.

Dr. Mookerjee emphasised that it was not the intention of the present Ministry to do anything which would in any way interfere with the lawful and constitutional activities of any political party.

The Finance Minister's remark evoked a storm of protest from the Muslim League opposition benches, there being persistent cries of "He must withdraw".

The Finance Minister could not resume his speech due to constant thumping of desks and cries of "withdraw", "withdraw", from the Muslim League opposition benches, the appeal of the Deputy Speaker, who presided in the absence of the Speaker, going in vain.

Dr. Mookerjee explained that he made it abundantly clear in his statement that he was not referring to any particular member further interruptions and cries of "withdraw", "withdraw" from Muslim League opposition benches.

The Deputy Speaker, intervening, pointed out that Dr. Mookerjee had made it clear in his statement that he did not mean any particular individual. However, he would look into the record of proceedings and if he found that Dr. Mookerjee had made any remark casting any reflection on any Member of the House, he would certainly ask him to withdraw that.

The uproar, however, continued and the Finance Minister resumed his seat without concluding his speech.

The Chief Minister Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, next rose to make a speech in reply to the debate, but he could not do so in view of continuous interruptions and shouts of "Dr Mookerjee must withdraw" from Muslim League opposition benches.

In the midst of continued uproar Dr. Nalinakshya Sanyal of the Official Congress Party moved a closure, which was accepted by the Deputy Speaker. The cut motions about 15 were then voted upon and lost and the main demand of Rs. 1,27,42,000 for expenditure under the head "General Administration" was voted by the House.

The Muslim League cut motion, which was moved to criticise the attitude of Government regarding the detention of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose was rejected by the House by 97 to 41 votes, the official Congress Party remaining neutral.

RELEASE SECURITY PRISONERS

When the Assembly reassembled in the evening to take up non-official resolutions Mr. Satyapriya Banerjee (Ministerialist Party) moved a resolution urging that persons convicted or detained by the Government of Bengal under the Defence of India Act and Rules framed thereunder be immediately and unconditionally released.

EUROPEANS OPPOSE

Explaining the attitude of the European Group, Mr. W. C. Wordsworth, remarked that the resolution was untimely and dangerous Their one question should now be what was necessary for the common safety. So far as they knew the Security Prisoners were men whose detention had been considered necessary for the common safety.

The debate was not concluded when the House adjourned till to-morrow.—A.P.

Schuster Hopeful Of Indian Settlement

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, March 13.

(Delayed in transmission).

In an interview to the "United Press of India" Sir George Schuster, ex-Finance Minister, Government of India, and a member of Parliament, said that the British Prime Minister was most hopeful of the line he took regarding India.

Sir Frederik Sykes, ex-Governor of Bombay, agreed with Sir George.

Mr. Sorensen, Socialist M.P., said: "I feel unhappy. The Prime Minister apparently is not yet prepared to do the right thing. He could have accepted India's right to freedom and also sent Sir Stafford Cripps."

MR. COVE AND MR. SHINWELL THOUGHT THAT THE CABINET HAD PROVED INCAPABLE OF APPRECIATING THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION IN INDIA, ON THE BORDERS OF WHICH EVENTS WERE MOVING RAPIDLY.

"I think", said Mr. Cove, "whatever plan the Government had decided ought to have been declared to the House so that the Indian leaders and the public would have been ready to give full consideration to it."

It is understood Sir Stafford will be accompanied by his British Secretaries and the rest of his staff in India will be from the Civil Service.

CEYLON BEING EVACUATED

Authorities Step To Clear Decks For Action

"Annalist" in his military commentary says that authorities in Ceylon are taking time by the forelock and women and children are being evacuated so as to help clear the decks for action.

30,000 EX-ARMY RESERVISTS AS POLICEMEN

BUENOS AIRES, March 13.

The Government of Brazil proposes to establish a Federal Police organisation with a strength of about 30,000 ex-army reservists according to the Chief of Police of Buenos Aires General Martinez.

A national system of separate registers for foreign nationals in order to prevent clandestine immigration will also be instituted. General Martinez said.—Reuter

LEADING PROFESSORS AS HOSTAGES

Curfew In Amsterdam As Reprisal Against Attacks On Dutch Nazis

LONDON, March 13.

As a reprisal for bombing attacks against Dutch Nazis, an 8 p.m. curfew has been imposed on Amsterdam, the focal point of Dutch resistance, states the 'Vrij

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"I send this message

to all men and women, who live in this land, whatever their politics, their religion or their race. You will be invited, during the next few weeks, to enrol yourselves in the national war front. The land we live in is threatened with danger. This is a call to action for everyone of us. Close the ranks, and stand shoulder to shoulder against an aggressor whose conduct in the peaceful countries which he has outraged brands him as barbarous and pitiless.

"The soldiers of India in many parts of the world have fought and are fighting gloriously for the safety of their motherland, for the preservation of ancient inheritance, for the bringing to pass of her hopes for the future.

"To-day the battle front is of great depth, and each one of us can be a soldier too.

"Stand steady, encourage the brave, strengthen the faint-hearted, rebuke the babbler and root out the hidden traitor. Make good the defence of the country to-day; go forward to victory to-morrow: for without Victory there is no hope for the survival of free institutions, culture, or kindness in the world. We are members of a worthy company: China, Russia, America, Britain, and a score of others. Let each one of us in India be worthy of our own country and of our Comrades, for thus shall we make our victory swift and sure. I confide in your courage"

..... H. E. THE VICEROY

FLYING PRINCESS

Princess Abida Sultan of Bhopal has secured Pilot "A" License of the Bombay Flying Club.

ANTI-AXIS UPROAR IN BRAZIL

Law Passed Authorising Confiscation Of Axis Funds

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 13.

Several windows were broken in German business houses in a demonstration against the Axis provoked by the sinking of Brazilian shipping.

The police arrested three Germans in Florianopolis for taking photographs.

President Vargas has signed a decree providing for the recovery of damages for acts by nations involving loss to property or lives of Brazilian subjects.

Under a new law funds belonging to Axis firms may be confiscated to serve as security.—Reuter.

CHIANG APPEALS FOR REDOUBLED WAR EFFORTS.

CHUNGKING, March 13.

"Nothing will shake the Chinese determination to fight on till victory," declared Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek when he broadcast to the Chinese people on Thursday night. He appealed to listeners to redouble their efforts and do two hours work in one hour and to each person to do two men's work.

The Japanese were digging themselves in ten miles north of Pegu, which is a road and railway centre 40 miles north of Rangoon, a Chinese military spokesman told a press conference here on Thursday.

They were apparently assuming a defensive role and showing no signs of launching an attack to the north, he said.—Reuter.

TOTAL CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, March 13.

The casualty list of the Canadian army, navy and air force totals 1,857 dead: 466 missing: 1,817 prisoners, according to a report presented in the House of Commons to-day.—Reuter.

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Nederland', the Free Dutch newspaper published in London.

Leading professors of the Amsterdam University and some of the principal burghers have been taken as hostages by the Nazis.

Catholic Bishops have issued another pastoral letter protesting against the increasing Nazi propaganda against the Christian faith and calling on Holland's two million Catholics, "Arm yourself with faith and be prepared to defend yourself in the hour of danger."—Reuter.

INDIA-CHINA DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 13.

An "Indian and Chinese Day" is being celebrated here on Saturday with a mass meeting of Indians, Chinese and Americans under the chairmanship of Mr. Wendell Wilkie. Mr. Hu Shih, the Chinese Ambassador, Sir R. K. Shan-Mukham Chetty, the Indian Agent General, Dr. Lin Yutang (noted Chinese author), Dr. Singh (Secretary of the India League of America), and Miss Pearl Buck (American authoress) are among those who will address the meeting which is being relayed by short wave radio to India and China.

It is being held under the auspices of the East and West Organisation of which Miss Pearl Buck is the chairman.—Reuter.

K. R. Cama Oriental Institute

DR. SIR JIVANJI JAMSHEDJI MODI PRIZE ESSAY.

The Governing Body of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute invites the following prize essay:—

"The transliteration and translation of the Pahlavi Yasna, Has. 1 to 8, with complete concordance of words occurring in the Pahlavi text with their Avestan originals, discussing how far the Pahlavi translation gives a correct interpretation of the Avestan text from the standpoint of philology and modern research."

A prize of Rs. 250 will be awarded to the candidate whose essay will be approved The competition is open to Parsis only.

The essays must be submitted by 30th September, 1942, with the nom-de-plume only written on the front page of the essay; full name and address of the writer must be sent in a separate cover, bearing on the outside the title of the essay and the writer's nom-de-plume only, to Mr. B. T. Anklesaria, Hon. Secretary, K. R. C. O. Institute, 136, Apollo Street, Bombay 1

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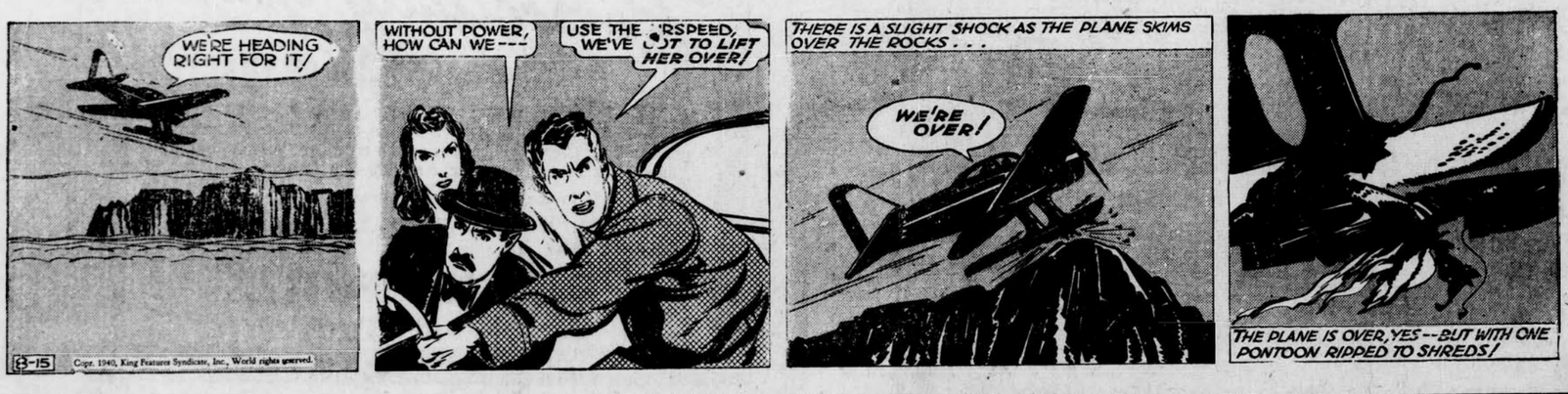
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